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ALL YE WHO LEAVE HERE
LEAVE ONLY IN BODY.
HIS SPIRIT MUST REMAIN
HERE FOREVER. NO. 1

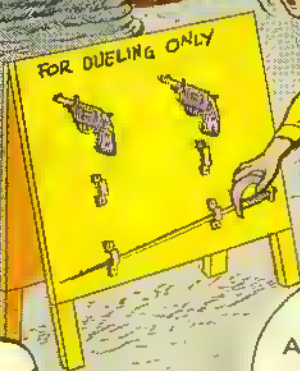
ACCORDING TO OUR RULES, ALL ARGUMENTS MUST BE SETTLED BY MORTAL COMBAT! CHOOSE YOUR WEAPONS!

WITH ALL THE MOVIES I'VE SEEN ABOUT DUELING, I STAND AS GOOD A CHANCE AS HE DOES! THIS IS HOW MATTIE MUST'VE GOTTEN KILLED!

IT WASN'T FAIR - HE STABBED CURLY WHEN HIS BACK WAS TURNED!

OW! HEY, I WASN'T READY!

CHARLES BIRO



YOU DOPE - WHO CARES ABOUT BEIN' FAIR? IT WAS SMART - THAT'S WHAT COUNTS! ONLY SUCKERS ARE FAIR!



A collage of various comic book covers from the mid-20th century, including titles like 'Supermouse', 'Startling Comics', 'Jetta', 'Mystery Comics', 'Fantastic Tales', 'Cosmo Cat', 'Strange Worlds', 'Exciting Comics', 'Daring Adventures', 'Casper Cat', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Barnyard Comics', 'Famous Funnies', 'Hill Country', 'Teen-Age Sweetheart', 'Jetta', 'Science', 'Quick Lunch', 'Snake Eyes', 'Miss Masque', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Casper Cat', and 'Daring Adventures'. A large, stylized speech bubble in the center contains the text 'WEB COMIC UNIVERSE.COM'.



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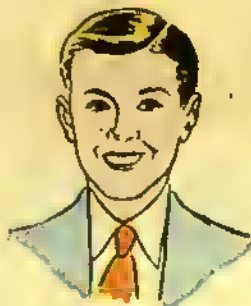
Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life—dates, romance, popularity, social and business success—only because shyness has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. The beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours—take my word for it!—no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

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DAREDEVIL

and the **LITTLE WISE GUYS**

STORY
**CHARLES
BIRO**

MAYBE WE'D
BETTER GO IN—
CURLY MAY
NEED US!

NO—HE
SAID TO
WAIT TILL HE
SIGNALLED!

READY...
AIM...

THE INVINCIBILITY OF GOOD OVER BAD THROUGH MANKIND'S HISTORY IS NOT A COINCIDENCE! IT SEEMS TO BE A NATURAL LAW! THE WHITE CORPUSCLES IN THE BLOOD WILL ATTACK AND DESTROY THE BAD GERMS! SOMETIMES THE ACTION IS SLOW, BUT IT'S RELENTLESS! WHEREVER EVIL MOBILIZES, A STRONGER AND GREATER FORCE FOR GOOD IS PREPARING ITS DESTRUCTION!

THIS STORY IS A POCKET-SIZE ILLUSTRATION OF THIS HEAVENLY FORCE IN ACTION!

Charles Biro

drawn by
**HERMAN
MAURER**

SCARECROW, WILL
YOU PLEASE
RELAX FOR A
WHILE? YOU'RE
WEARIN' ME DOWN
JUST LOOKIN'
AT YOU!

A GUY HAS TO DO
SOMETHING TO
KEEP IN SHAPE!
HECK, IT'S TOO EARLY
FOR BASEBALL, AND
TOO LATE FOR FOOT-
BALL! I SURE WISH
SOMEBODY WOULD
INVENT SOME SPORT
FOR IN-BETWEEN
SEASONS!

YOU CAN SAY THAT
AGAIN, SCARECROW!
HOW'S ABOUT GOING
DOWN TO THE P.A.L.
FOR SOME OF THAT
MANLY ART CALLED
BOXING! WE
COULD ALL
STAND THE
EXERCISES!

WHAT A KEEN
IDEA—THOSE
IN FAVOR SAY
"AYE-AYE!"

IT'S AWFUL
QUIET AROUND
HERE FOR A
SATURDAY
AFTERNOON!
WHERE IS
EVERYBODY?

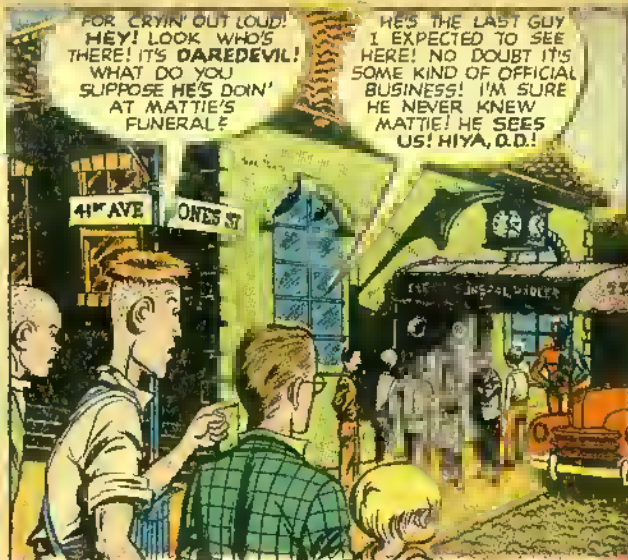
THEY'RE ALL
DOWN AT
MATTIE
PROCTOR'S
FUNERAL OVER
ON JONES
STREET!



HEY, NO FOOLIN'! MATTIE PROCTOR, EH? YEAH, I KNEW HIM! GOSH, WHEN DID HE DIE? WHAT HAPPENED? GEE, THAT'S TOO BAD!

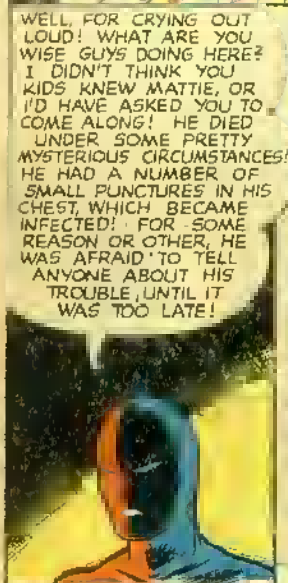
YEAH, I KNOW! IT'S TOUGH! HE HAD SOME KIND OF AN ACCIDENT! AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I HEARD!

WE SHOULD PAY OUR RESPECTS! I NEVER KNEW MATTIE VERY WELL, BUT HE WAS A KID ABOUT OUR AGE!

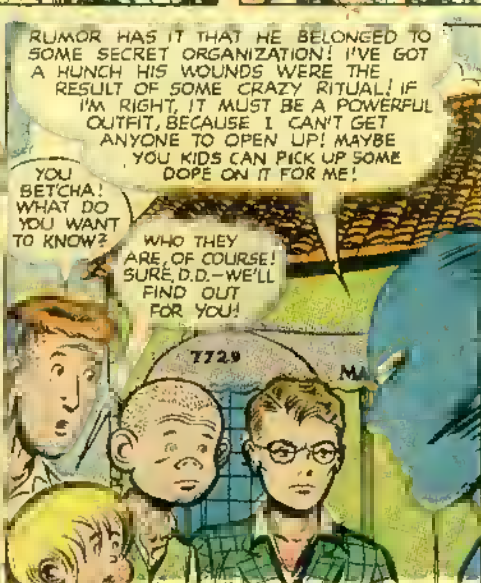


FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! HEY! LOOK WHO'S THERE! IT'S DAREDEVIL! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S DOIN' AT MATTIE'S FUNERAL?

HE'S THE LAST GUY I EXPECTED TO SEE HERE! NO DOUBT IT'S SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS! I'M SURE HE NEVER KNEW MATTIE! HE SEES US! HIYA, D.D.!



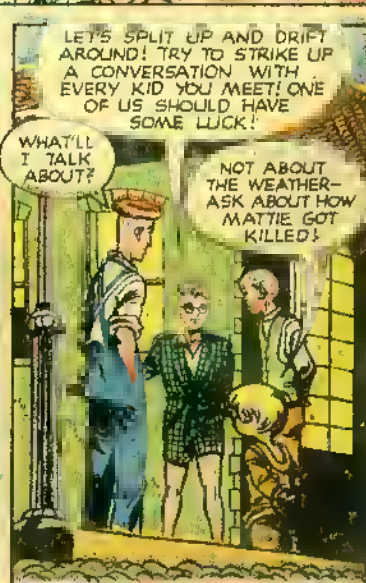
WELL, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! WHAT ARE YOU WISE GUYS DOING HERE? I DIDN'T THINK YOU KIDS KNEW MATTIE, OR I'D HAVE ASKED YOU TO COME ALONG! HE DIED UNDER SOME PRETTY MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES! HE HAD A NUMBER OF SMALL PUNCTURES IN HIS CHEST, WHICH BECAME INFECTED! FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER, HE WAS AFRAID TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT HIS TROUBLE, UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE!



RUMOR HAS IT THAT HE BELONGED TO SOME SECRET ORGANIZATION! I'VE GOT A HUNCH HIS WOUNDS WERE THE RESULT OF SOME CRAZY RITUAL! IF I'M RIGHT, IT MUST BE A POWERFUL OUTFIT, BECAUSE I CAN'T GET ANYONE TO OPEN UP! MAYBE YOU KIDS CAN PICK UP SOME DOPE ON IT FOR ME!

YOU BETCHA! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

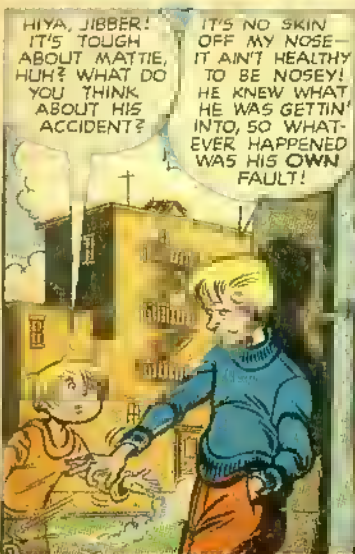
WHO THEY ARE, OF COURSE! SURE, D.D.—WE'LL FIND OUT FOR YOU!



LET'S SPLIT UP AND DRIFT AROUND! TRY TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH EVERY KID YOU MEET! ONE OF US SHOULD HAVE SOME LUCK!

WHAT'LL I TALK ABOUT?

NOT ABOUT THE WEATHER—ASK ABOUT HOW MATTIE GOT KILLED!



HIYA, JIBBER! IT'S TOUGH ABOUT MATTIE, HUH? WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HIS ACCIDENT?

IT'S NO SKIN OFF MY NOSE—IT AIN'T HEALTHY TO BE NOSEY! HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS GETTIN' INTO, SO WHATEVER HAPPENED WAS HIS OWN FAULT!



HIYA, EGGHEAD—YOU WERE A GOOD FRIEND OF MATTIE'S! WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DID THEY KILL HIM? I GUESS HE JUST GOT OUT OF HIS CLASS WHEN HE GOT IN WITH THEM, HUH?

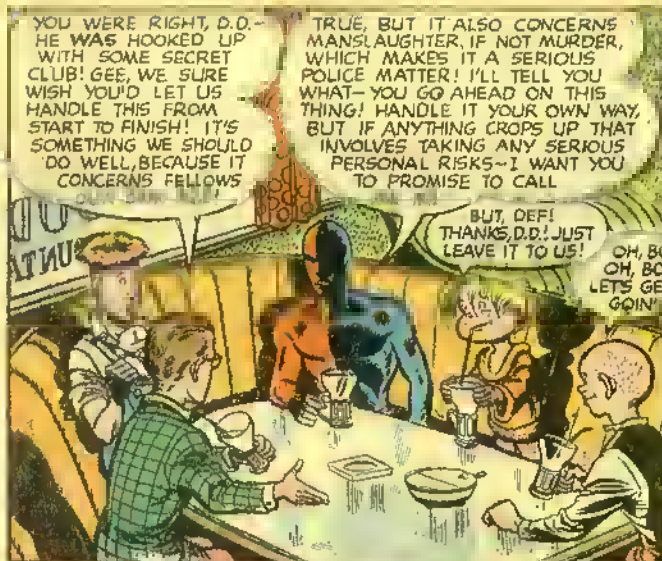
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT—AND TAKE A TIP FROM ME—IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU, YOU'LL MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!



SOMETHING'S COOKING AND IT'S NOT STEW! EVERYONE I SPOKE TO CLAMMED UP! THEY WOULDN'T TALK TO SAVE THEIR LIVES!

THERE SURE MUST BE A SECRET CLUB, BECAUSE EGGHEAD DENNETT ACTED LIKE SOMEBODY WAS SPYIN' ON HIM! WHAT LITTLE HE DID SAY, HE

LET'S GO TELL D.D. AS SOON AS CURLY GETS BACK!

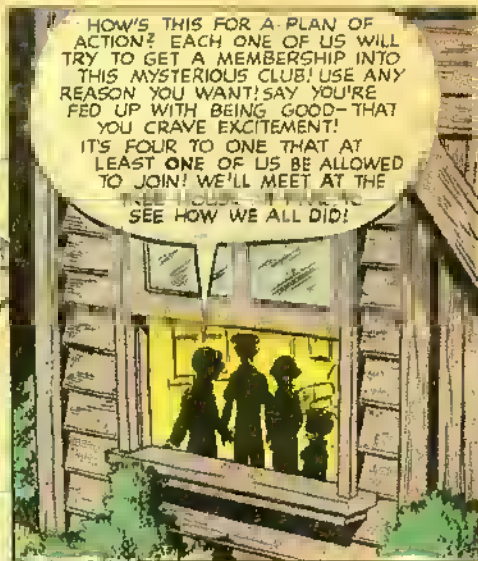


YOU WERE RIGHT, D.D.- HE WAS HOOKED UP WITH SOME SECRET CLUB! GEE, WE SURE WISH YOU'D LET US HANDLE THIS FROM START TO FINISH! IT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD DO WELL, BECAUSE IT CONCERNS FELLOWS

TRUE, BUT IT ALSO CONCERNS MANSLAUGHTER, IF NOT MURDER, WHICH MAKES IT A SERIOUS POLICE MATTER! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT- YOU GO AHEAD ON THIS THING! HANDLE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BUT IF ANYTHING CROPS UP THAT INVOLVES TAKING ANY SERIOUS PERSONAL RISKS- I WANT YOU TO PROMISE TO CALL

BUT, DEF! THANKS, D.D.! JUST LEAVE IT TO US!

OH, BOY! OH, BOY! LET'S GET GOIN'!



HOW'S THIS FOR A PLAN OF ACTION? EACH ONE OF US WILL TRY TO GET A MEMBERSHIP INTO THIS MYSTERIOUS CLUB! USE ANY REASON YOU WANT! SAY YOU'RE FED UP WITH BEING GOOD- THAT YOU CRAVE EXCITEMENT! IT'S FOUR TO ONE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF US BE ALLOWED TO JOIN! WE'LL MEET AT THE



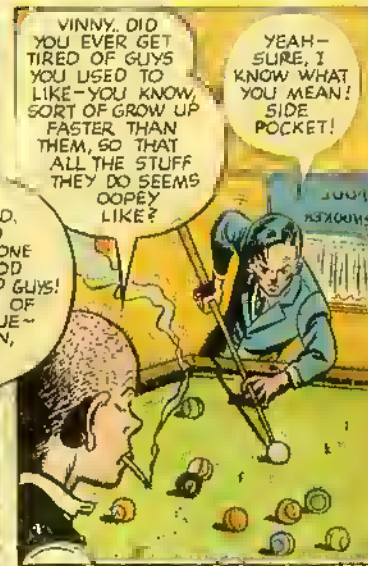
HIYA SHANKS! BOY, THINGS SURE ARE DULL AROUND HERE! I'M FED UP WITH THE SPORTS AN' THAT SISSY STUFF- THAT'S FOR KIDS! I CRAVE REAL EXCITEMENT!

HA! LISTEN TO WHO'S TALKIN'! FORGET THAT THRILL STUFF TILL YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH TO TAKE IT- OR YOU MIGHT WIND UP LIKE MATTIE!



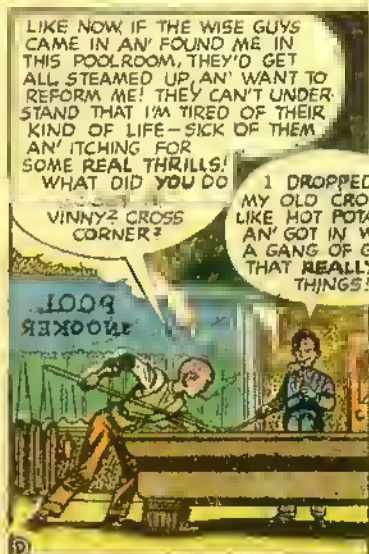
GEE, RANKY, YOU'RE A SHARP GUY! MAYBE YOU COULD TIP ME OFF TO WHERE I COULD GET IN WITH SOME GUYS WITH REAL GUTS! I'M FED UP WITH THIS SWEETNESS AND LIGHT STUFF! IT WAS OKAY WHEN I WAS A KID! YOU OUGHT TO KNOW OF A LIVELY GANG TO HOOK UP WITH!

YOU'RE STILL A KID, JOCK, AND YOU'RE STILL ONE OF THEM GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP GUYS! YOU'D BE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE- NOW, G'WAN, SCRAM!



VINNY, DID YOU EVER GET TIRED OF GUYS YOU USED TO LIKE- YOU KNOW, SORT OF GROW UP FASTER THAN THEM, SO THAT ALL THE STUFF THEY DO SEEMS DOPEY LIKE?

YEAH- SURE, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! SIDE POCKET!



LIKE NOW IF THE WISE GUYS CAME IN AN' FOUND ME IN THIS POOL ROOM, THEY'D GET ALL STEAMED UP, AN' WANT TO REFORM ME! THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT I'M TIRED OF THEIR KIND OF LIFE- SICK OF THEM AN' ITCHING FOR SOME REAL THRILLS! WHAT DID YOU DO

VINNYZ CROSS CORNERZ

I DROPPED MY OLD CROWD LIKE HOT POTATOES, AN' GOT IN WITH A GANG OF GUYS THAT REALLY DO THINGS!



NO KIDDIN', VINNY- YA MEAN THERE REALLY IS A GANG OF REAL GUYS? LOOK, VINNY, I'M YOUR PAL, HOW'S CHANCES OF FIXING THINGS UP FOR ME, TOO? LET ME JOIN,

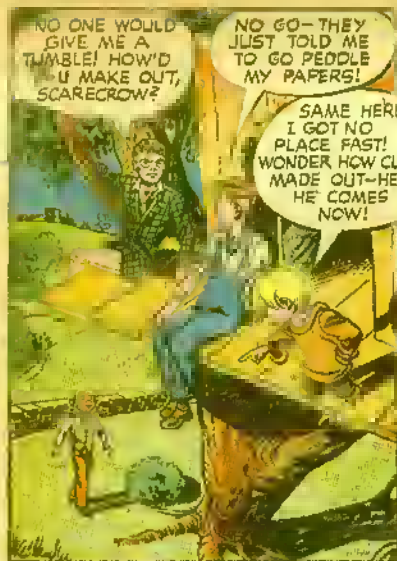
GEE, I DUNNO- THE GUYS ARE AWFUL PARTICULAR ABOUT WHO THEY LET IN! IT AIN'T NO TEA PARTY! LET ME TELL YOU- YOU'VE GOT TO BE REALLY TIGHT! YOU'RE IN, THERE'S NO BACKIN' OUT!



THAT'S FOR ME, VINNY- THAT'S THE MEDICINE I NEED! YOU GOT PULL, VINNY! YOU CAN MAKE ME A MEMBER!

YOU SOUND LIKE THE KIND OF GUY THE LEADER WANTS! OKAY- NO USE WASTING TIME! THERE'S A MEETIN' TONIGHT! MEET ME AT THE DESERTED GRANITE QUARRY AT EIGHT TONIGHT.

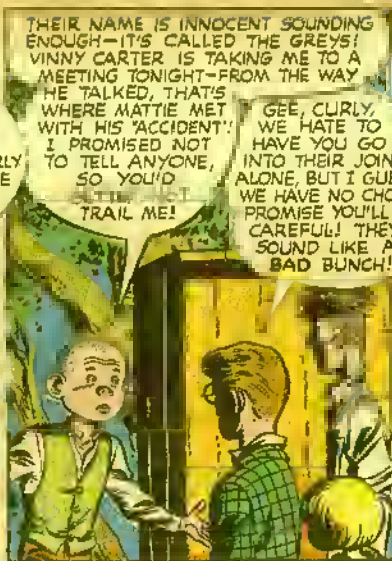
NOBODY- YA HEAR?



NO ONE WOULD GIVE ME A TUMBLE! HOW'D U MAKE OUT, SCARECROW?

NO GO—THEY JUST TOLD ME TO GO PEDDLE MY PAPERS!

SAME HERE! I GOT NO PLACE FAST! I WONDER HOW CURLY MADE OUT—HERE HE COMES NOW!



THEIR NAME IS INNOCENT SOUNDING ENOUGH—IT'S CALLED THE GREYS! VINNY CARTER IS TAKING ME TO A MEETING TONIGHT—FROM THE WAY HE TALKED, THAT'S WHERE MATTIE MET WITH HIS 'ACCIDENT'! I PROMISED NOT TO TELL ANYONE, SO YOU'D BETTER NOT TRAIL ME!

GEE, CURLY, WE HATE TO HAVE YOU GO INTO THEIR JOINT ALONE, BUT I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE! PROMISE YOU'LL BE CAREFUL! THEY SOUND LIKE A BAD BUNCH!



PEST—IS THAT YOU, CURLY? IT'S ME, VINNY—HERE IN THESE BUSHES!



EEEE... VINNY? GEE, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF THE HOOD—THIS AIN'T HALLOWEEN! AN' WHAT'S THAT JUNKY OLD LAMP YOU'RE CARRYIN' FOR? THAT COULDN'T BURN IF YOU SOAKED IT IN GASOLINE!

ALL REGULAR MEMBERS WEAR MASKS ON ACCOUNT OF IT'S THAT KIND OF AN ORGANIZATION! AS FOR THE LAMP, IT'S MY DUES—EVERY MEMBER HAS TO BRING SOMETHING AS DUES! IT DON'T COUNT, UNLESS YOU SWIPE IT—AN' YOU GET EXTRA CREDIT IF YOU BRING IN A KNIFE OR GUN—C'MON, FOLLOW ME!



WHAT'CHA DOIN' THAT FOR?

IT'S OUR SIGNAL TO THE DOOR GUARDS!



GREAT GUNS—WHAT'S THAT GUY PULLING THAT MINE CAR FOR? THERE'S NOTHIN' IN IT!

BUT THERE WILL BE! GET INTO IT, CURLY! HE'S GONNA PULL US TO HEAD-QUARTERS!



HE'S A NEW MEMBER—THAT'S PART OF HIS INITIATION—HE HAS TO HAUL ALL THE MEMBERS FOR A WEEK! IF YOU'RE ACCEPTED, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT, TOO!



HERE WE ARE—NOW FOLLOW ME CAREFULLY! ONE WRONG STEP, AND WELL I AIN'T SAYIN' WHAT WOULD HAPPEN—BUT I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT BOOBY TRAPS ARE!



ADVANCE,
AND GIVE THE
COUNTER-
SIGN!

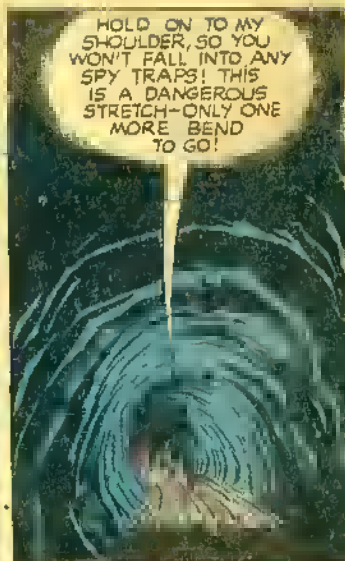
BLOOD AND
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MEMBER EIGHT,
AND A NEW
MEMBER THAT
I'M
PROPOSIN'!



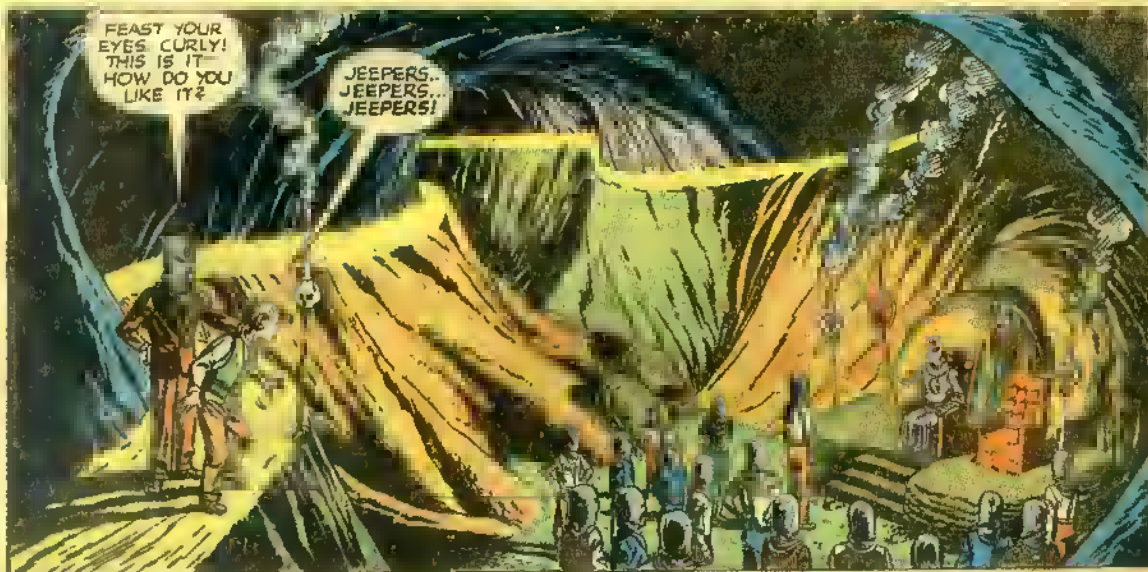
PAY
YOUR DUES
AND
ENTER!

ONE OIL LAMP—

OKAY, CURLY,
KEEP FOLLOWIN'
ME! WE'RE
NEARLY
THERE!



HOLD ON TO MY
SHOULDER, SO YOU
WON'T FALL INTO ANY
SPY TRAPS! THIS
IS A DANGEROUS
STRETCH—ONLY ONE
MORE BEND
TO GO!



FEAST YOUR
EYES, CURLY!
THIS IS IT—
HOW DO YOU
LIKE IT?

JEEPERS...
JEEPERS...
JEEPERS!

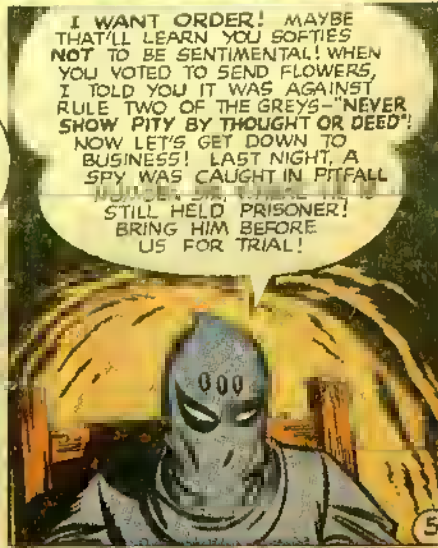


THE MEETING
WILL NOW COME
TO ORDER! THE
SECRETARY WILL
READ THE
LAST MINUTES!

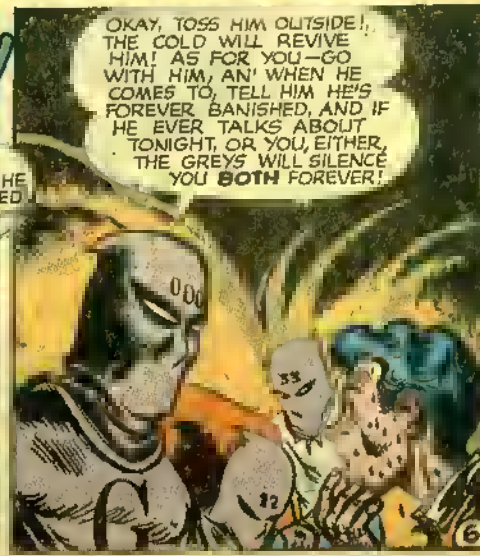
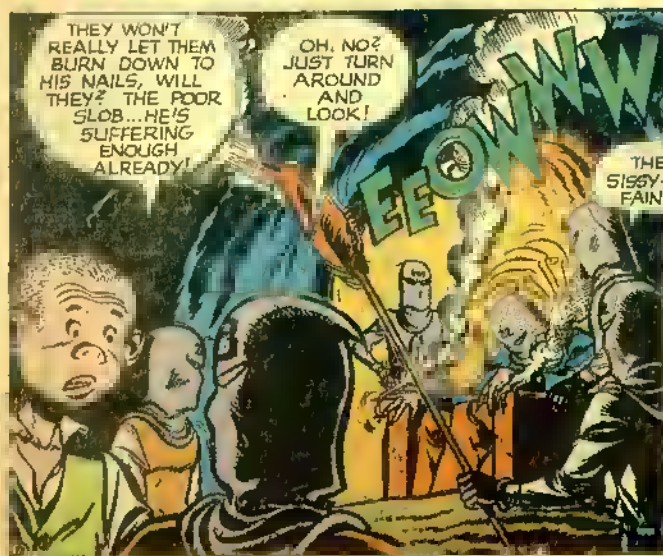
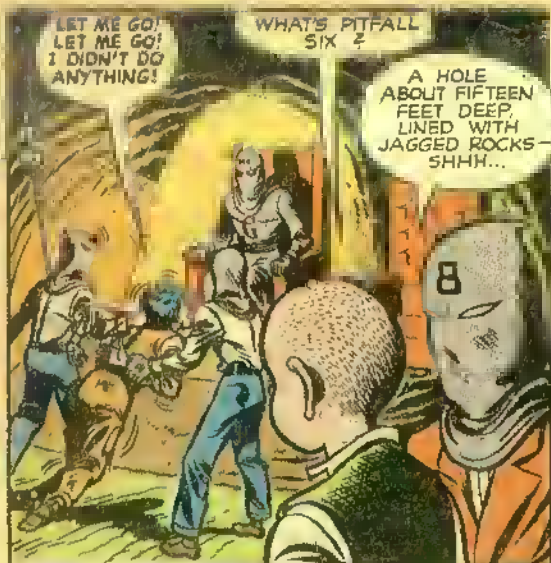


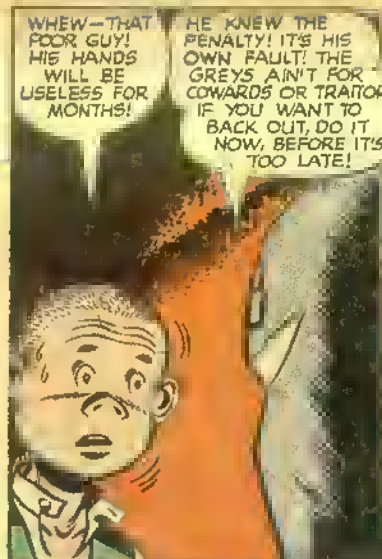
NUMBER TWELVE REPORTED THAT
THE FLOWERS WE SENT TO
MATTIE'S FUNERAL WERE
THROWN IN THE GARBAGE
CAN BY HIS MOTHER!

WHAT?
WHY THAT
WITCH—WE
PAID, GOOD
MONEY FOR
THOSE
'FLOWERS'!



I WANT ORDER! MAYBE
THAT'LL LEARN YOU SNOTIES
NOT TO BE SENTIMENTAL! WHEN
YOU VOTED TO SEND FLOWERS,
I TOLD YOU IT WAS AGAINST
RULE TWO OF THE GREYS—"NEVER
SHOW PITY BY THOUGHT OR DEED!"
NOW LET'S GET DOWN
TO BUSINESS! LAST NIGHT, A
SPY WAS CAUGHT IN PITFALL
NOTICE: HE, UH, HE...
STILL HELD PRISONER!
BRING HIM BEFORE
US FOR TRIAL!





WHEW—THAT POOR GUY! HIS HANDS WILL BE USELESS FOR MONTHS!

HE KNEW THE PENALTY! IT'S HIS OWN FAULT! THE GREYS AIN'T FOR COWARDS OR TRAITORS! IF YOU WANT TO BACK OUT, DO IT NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



IF THERE ARE ANY NEW PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP, STEP FORWARD IMMEDIATELY!

THAT MEANS YOU, CURLY! G'WAN, GET UP THERE!



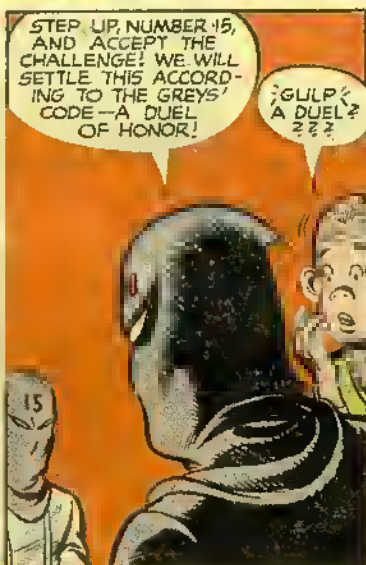
THE NEW MEMBER STANDS BEFORE YOU! ANY OBJECTIONS TO HIS ELIGIBILITY?

YES—I OBJECT!



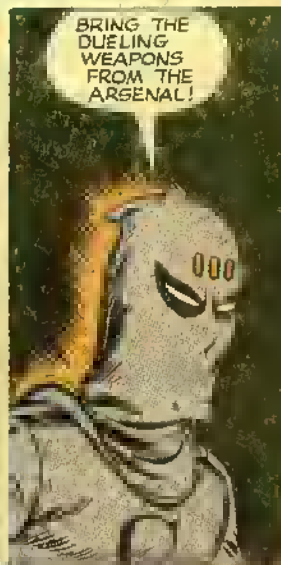
HE'S ONE OF THE WISE GUYS! HE'S NOTHIN' BUT A SNIVELIN' SISSY! HE DON'T BELONG IN THE GREYS! I DON'T ACCEPT HIM!

WHY, YOU DIRTY LOUSE! I'LL KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF—COME UP HERE AN' CALL ME A SISSY—I DARE YA!

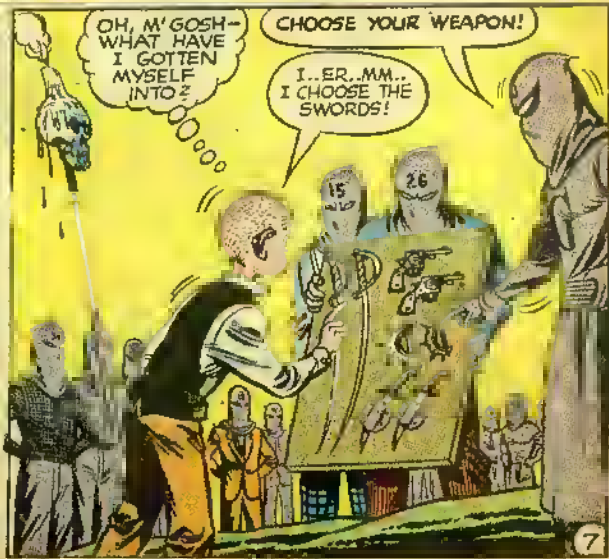


STEP UP, NUMBER 15, AND ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE! WE WILL SETTLE THIS ACCORDING TO THE GREYS' CODE—A DUEL OF HONOR!

GULP? A DUEL? ???



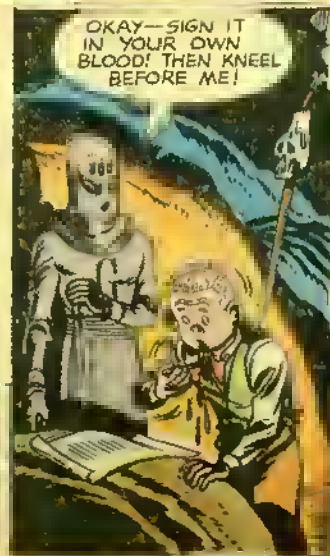
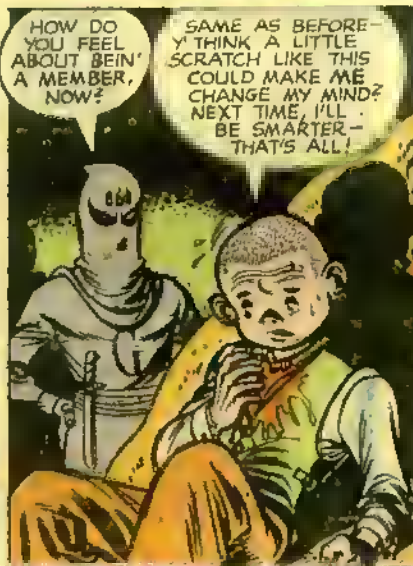
BRING THE DUELING WEAPONS FROM THE ARSENAL!

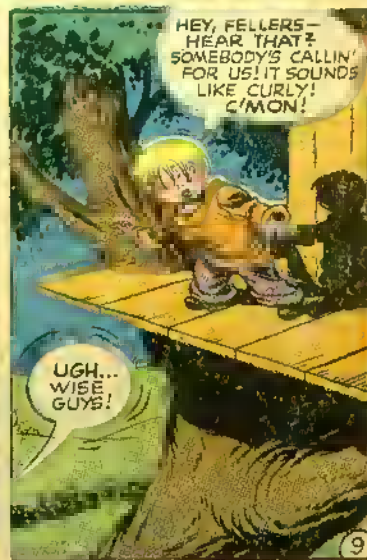
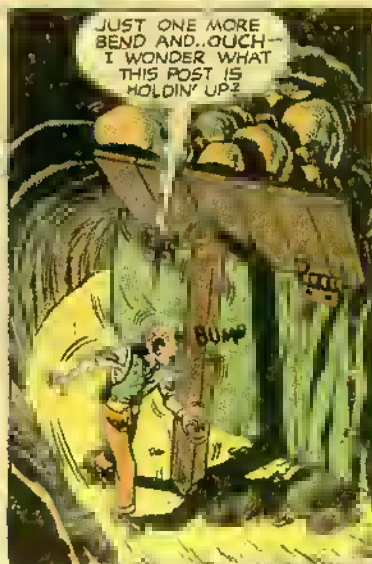
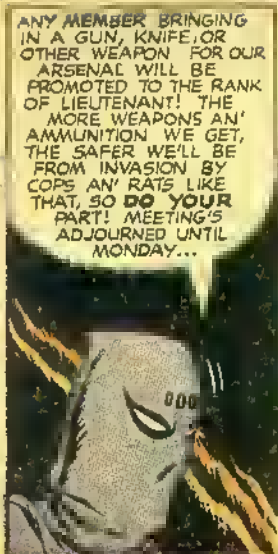


OH, M'GOSH—WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO? OOOOO

CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON!

I...ER...MM... I CHOOSE THE SWORDS!

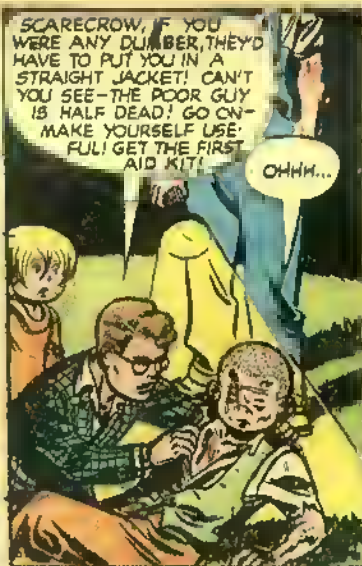






IT'S CURLY! HE'S IN A BAD WAY!

HIYA, CURLY! HEY, WHAT ARE YA SLEEPIN' ON THE GRASS FOR? WE WERE WAITIN' FOR YA!



SCARECROW, IF YOU WERE ANY DUMBER, THEY'D HAVE TO PUT YOU IN A STRAIGHT JACKET! CAN'T YOU SEE—THE POOR GUY IS HALF DEAD! GO ON—MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL! GET THE FIRST AID KIT!

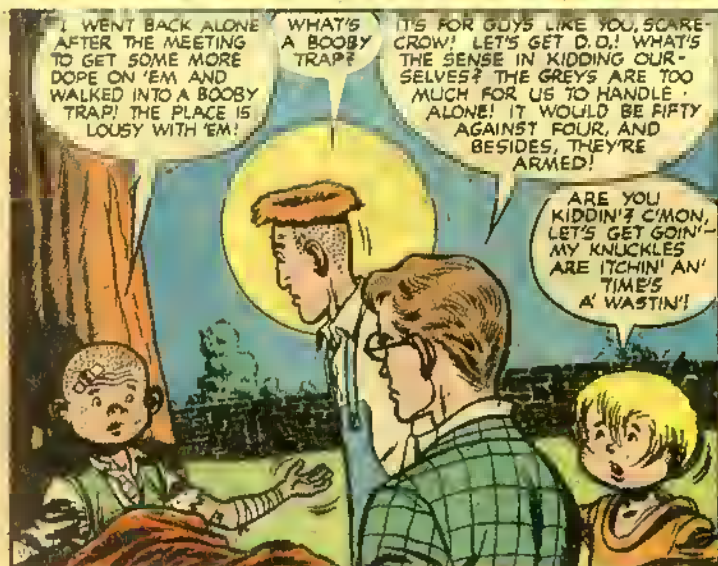
OH...H...



WE WANT TO GET DAREDEVIL! MAYBE WE BIT OFF MORE THAN WE CAN CHEW! C'MON, CURLY! CAN YOU WALK? WE'LL TAKE YOU TO A HOSPITAL!

HOW MANY OF 'EM GANGED UP ON YA? LET'S GO BACK THERE RIGHT NOW! AN' GIVE 'EM THE WORKS!

OH...I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! THEY'RE A BAD CROWD! THEY GOT GUNS AN' SWORDS!



I WENT BACK ALONE AFTER THE MEETING TO GET SOME MORE DOPE ON 'EM AND WALKED INTO A BOOBY TRAP! THE PLACE IS LOUSY WITH 'EM!

WHAT'S A BOOBY TRAP?

IT'S FOR GUYS LIKE YOU, SCARECROW! LET'S GET D.D.! WHAT'S THE SENSE IN KIDDING OURSELVES? THE GREYS ARE TOO MUCH FOR US TO HANDLE ALONE! IT WOULD BE FIFTY AGAINST FOUR, AND BESIDES, THEY'RE ARMED!

ARE YOU KIDDIN'? C'MON, LET'S GET GOIN'—MY KNUCKLES ARE ITCHIN' AN' TIME'S A WASTIN'!



PEE WEE IS RIGHT—IT'S JUST A GANG OF GUYS OUR OWN AGE! IT'S A CHALLENGE TO US! IT AIN'T LIKE US TO YELL FOR HELP THE FIRST TIME WE FACE A LITTLE SET-
BACK!

NOBLY PUT, BUT NO GO—IF WE WERE EVENLY MATCHED, THAT WOULD BE TRUE, BUT TWELVE TO ONE—HECK! NOBODY IS THAT GOOD!



WELL, THEN HOW ABOUT THIS? SUPPOSE WE COULD ENLIST SOME OTHER GUYS WHO THINK THE SAME WAY WE DO? THERE MUST BE PLENTY OF FELLOWS THAT ARE SQUARE SHOOTERS AND DEAD AGAINST THE THINGS THESE GREYS STAND FOR!

IT OUT MAN FOR MAN, WE COULD LICK THOSE YELLOW COWARDS!



THAT'S A SWELL IDEA—THE SQUARE SHOOTERS AGAINST THE GREYS—ONLY HOW DO WE GO ABOUT LINING UP FELLOWS TO JOIN OUR SIDE?

YEAH—HOW?

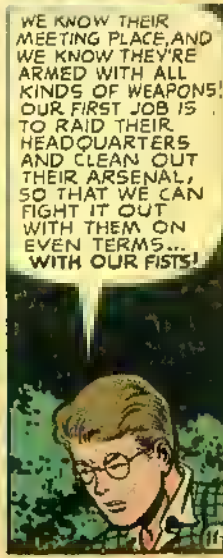
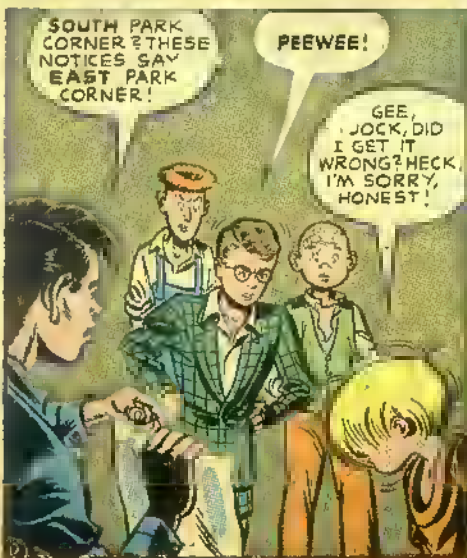
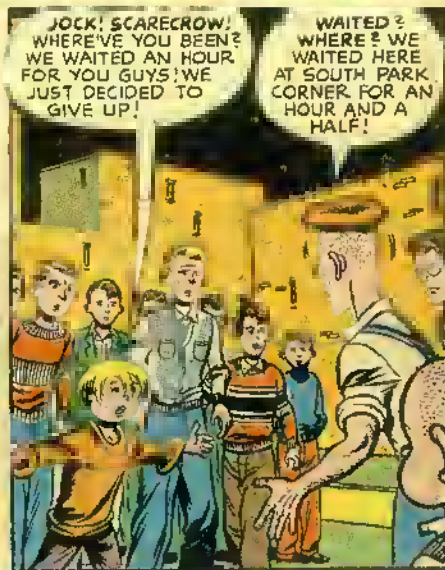
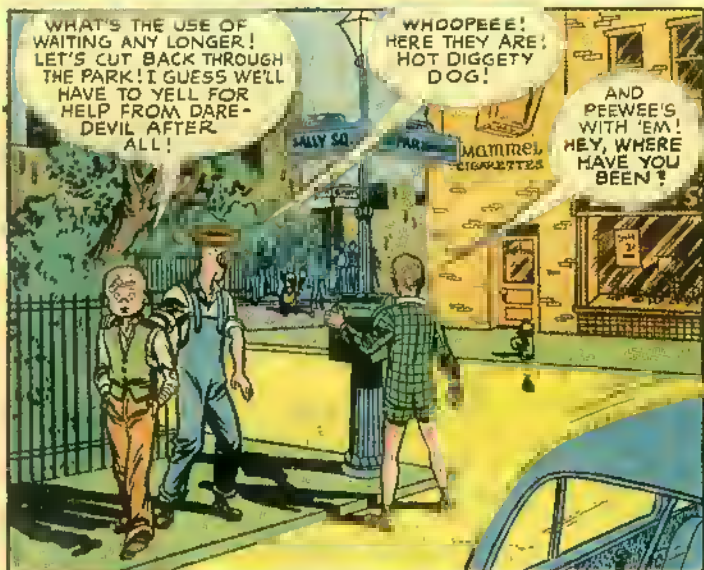
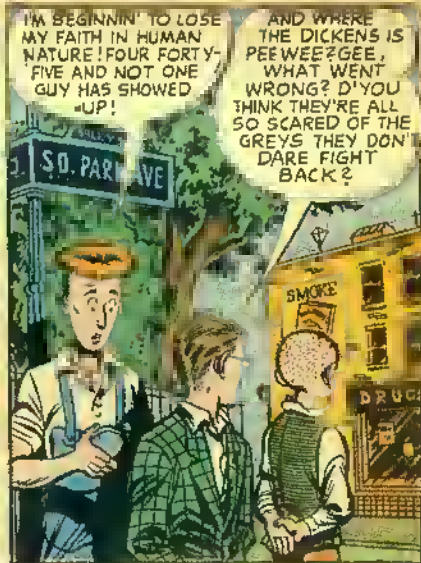
HEY—REMEMBER? WE STILL HAVE THAT MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE IN THE HAYLOFT OF THE BARN! LET'S MAKE LIKE THE ARMY'S FLYIN' LEAFLETS!

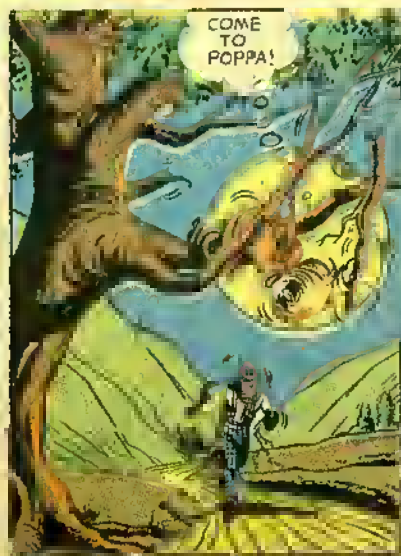
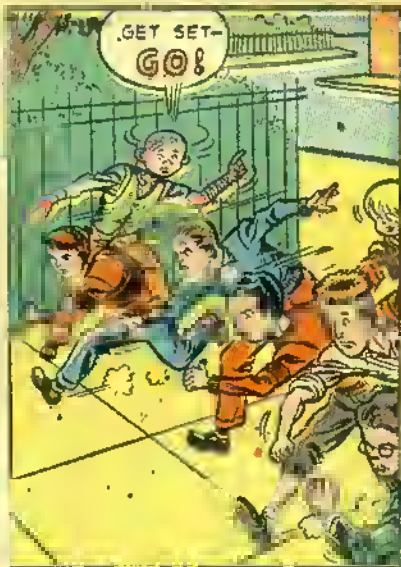
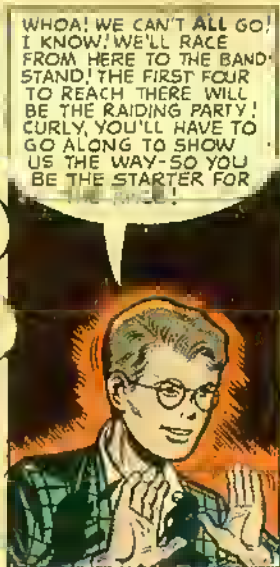
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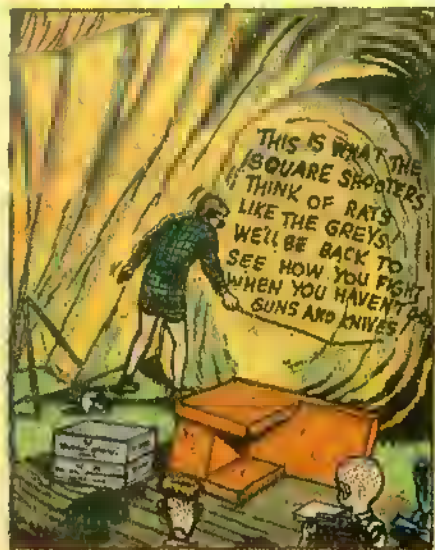
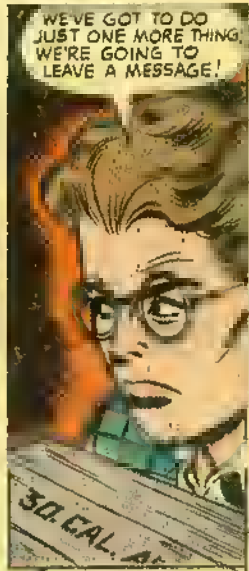
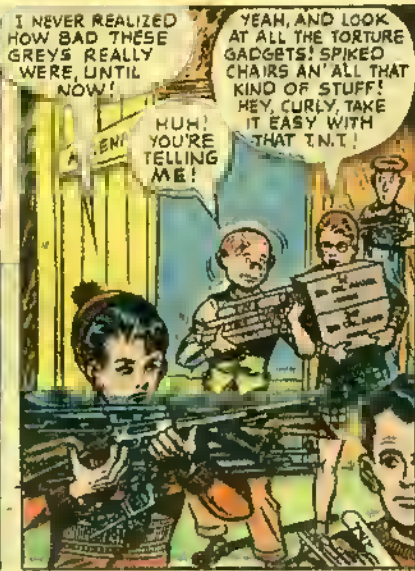
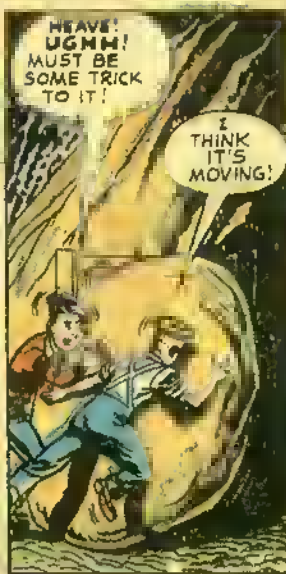


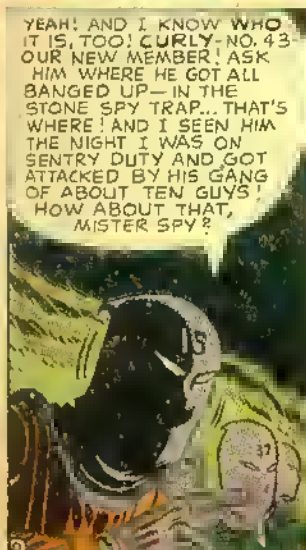
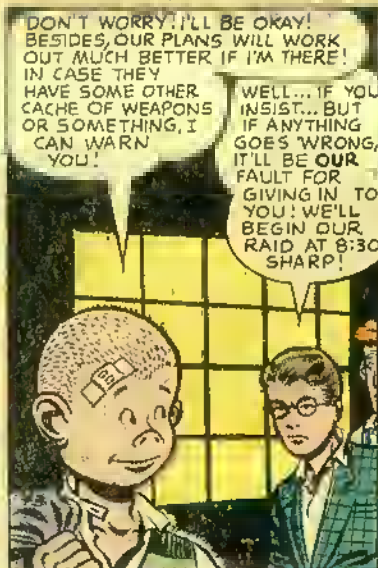
DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR PLAY?
—ENOUGH TO FIGHT FOR IT?
IF YOU DO, JOIN THE "SQUARE SHOOTERS"
First Meeting
Today. Friday 4

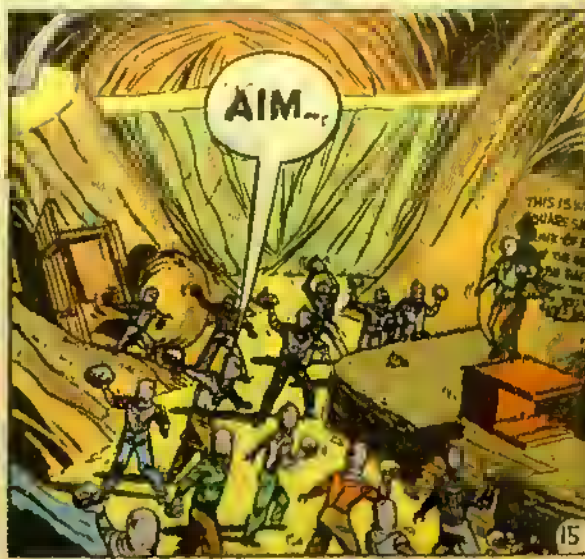
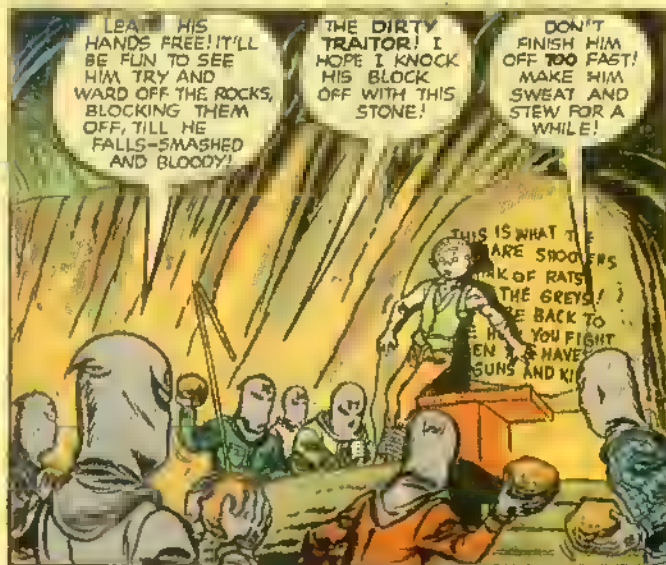
C'MON, LET'S PASS 'EM OUT NOW! BUT ONLY TO RIGHT GUYS!













ALL RIGHT, TIGHT GUYS!
SEE THIS? IT'S TNT!
THROW ONE ROCK, AND I'LL
THROW THIS! MAYBE I'LL DIE
BUT YOU'LL ALL GO ALONG
WITH ME! THIS TNT WILL
BLAST THIS WHOLE CAVE IN
ON YOUR UGLY
HEADS!

HOLD
EVERYTHING!
HE AIN'T
FOOLIN'!

DON'T DROP
IT! WE WERE
ONLY KIDDING
ABOUT STONING
YOU!

HOLY
COW!
TNT!

SURE—
WE WERE
JUST
FOOLIN'!

IT'S IN AT THE
SQU...
RATS...
BACK TO
GHT...
TNT...



ONE MOVE FROM ANYONE
AND I'LL THROW IT! NOW
I'M GOING TO UNTIE MY
FEET! REMEMBER, DON'T
TRY ANYTHING! I MEAN
BUSINESS! IF I HAVE
TO DIE, I'M TAKING AS
MANY OF YOU WITH
ME AS I CAN!



THE
WEASEL! HE
TRICKED
US!

WHAT CAN
WE DO? I
DON'T WANT
TO DIE!

G-GULP!

STAY
BACK
NOW!

ME
NEITHER!

THIS IS WHAT THE
SQUAD...
RAIS...
HURRY!
RUN!



SO LONG—AN I'M
NOT SORRY TO
DISAPPOINT YOU—
YOU BUTCHERS!



AFTER
HIM! CATCH
THE
SKUNK!

BOY, WHEN WE GET
OUR HANDS ON HIM,
HE'LL BE SORRY HE
WASN'T STONED
TO DEATH!



CURLY!
WHERE'S
THE TNT
YOU HAD?

I HID IT ON THE WAY OUT!
THEY ALMOST KILLED ME!
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! GET
READY FOR A BATTLE! THE
WHOLE GANG WILL BE
SWARMING OUT HERE
LIKE HORNETS IN
LESS THAN A
MINUTE!



IF WE LET THAT TRAITOR ESCAPE, HE'LL YELP TO THE COPS FOR SURE! WE'VE GOT TO SILENCE HIM FOR KEEPS!

WAIT TILL THEY ALL GET OUT BEFORE WE JUMP ON 'EM!



YIPPEE! MOP 'EM UP, FELLERS!

KEEP HAMMERING, BOYS! DON'T GIVE 'EM A BREAK!



C'MON, AN' FIGHT, YOU COWARDS!

YOU UNAMERICAN SKUNKS!

THIS IS FOR WHAT YOU ALMOST DID TO CURLY!

CRACK

SOCK



THE FIGHT'S OUT OF 'EM! WE GOT 'EM LICKED, JOCK! LOOK AT THE RATS BEGIN' AN' SQUIRMIN'!

GOOD! HERD THEM OVER HERE FOR THE FINAL FIREWORKS! I'M GONNA THROW A SCARE INTO THEM!



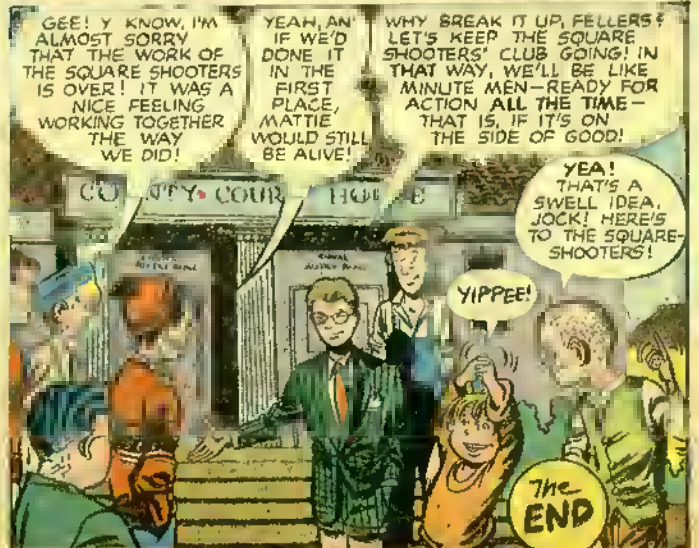
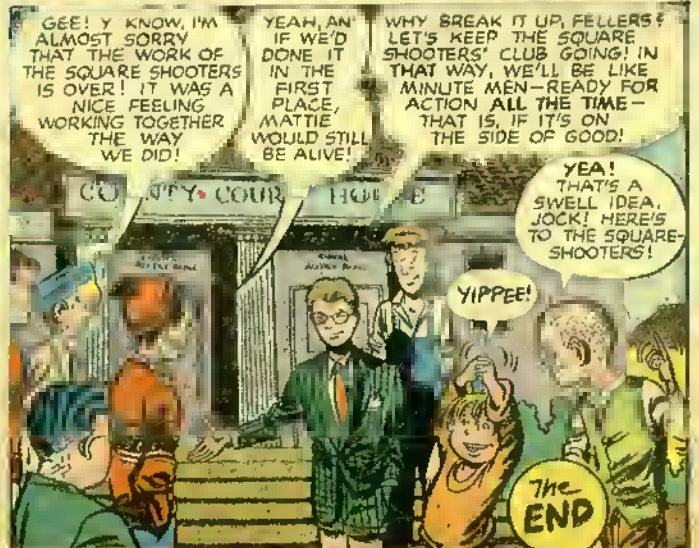
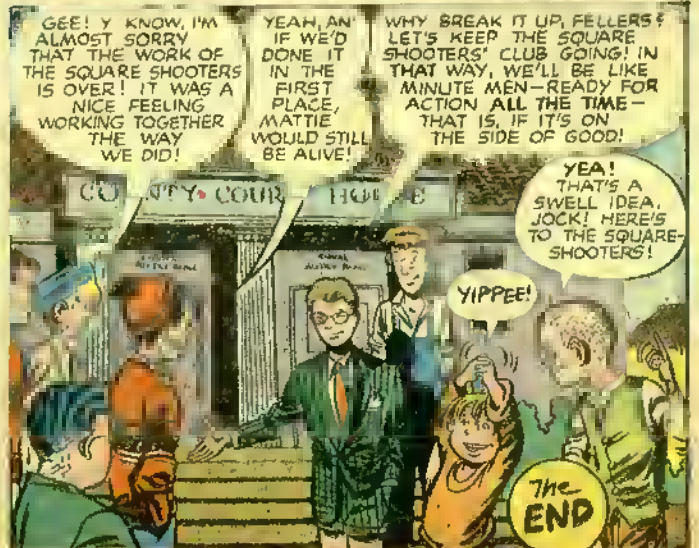
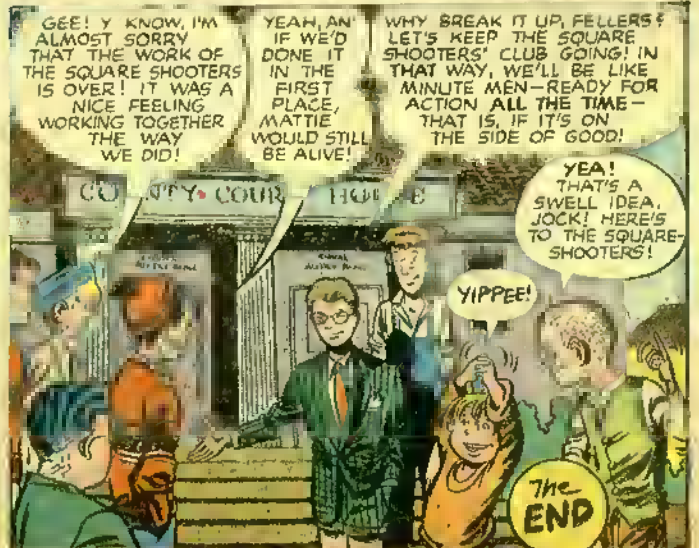
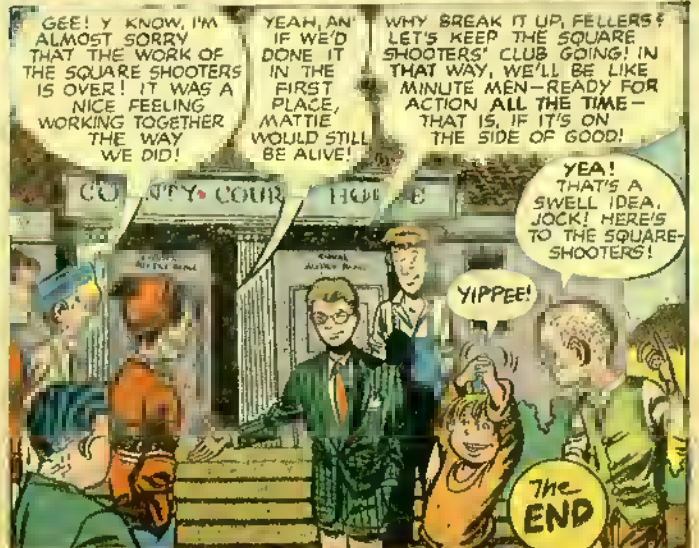
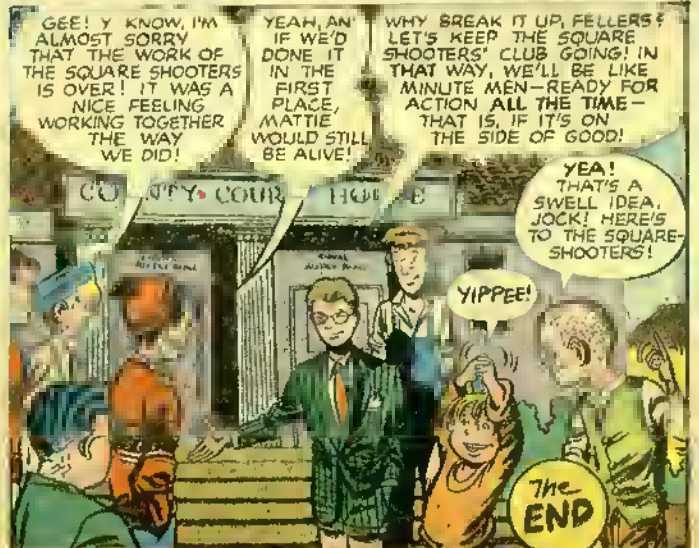
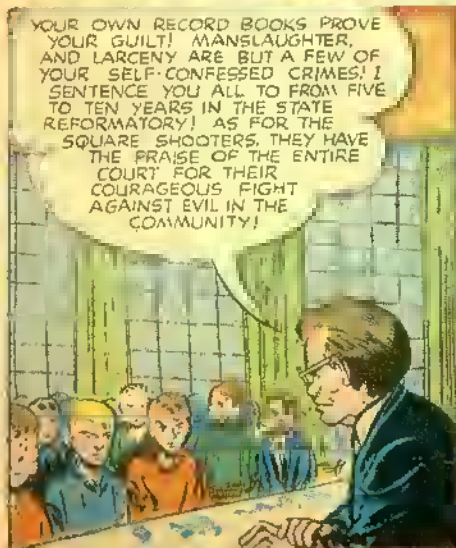
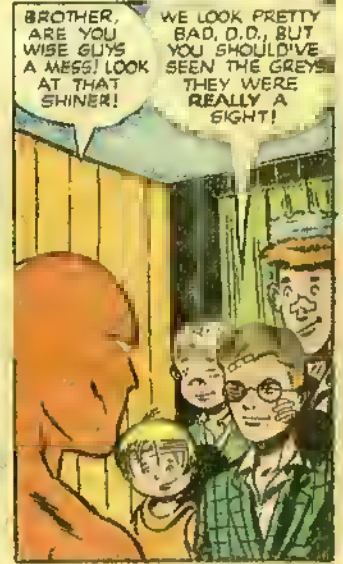
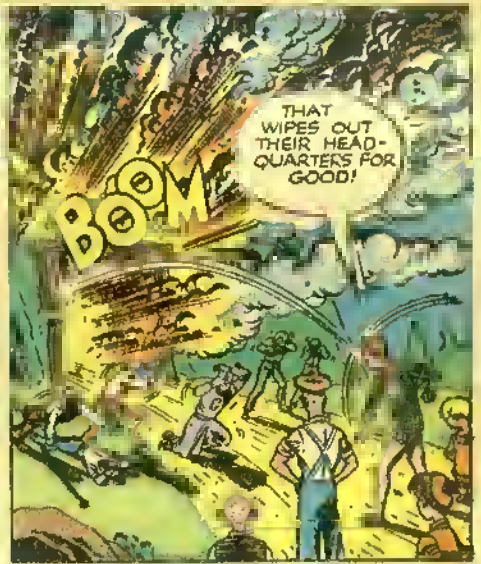
NOW THAT WE'VE TRAPPED YOU COWARDLY RATS, WE'RE GOING TO DO A THOROUGH JOB OF EXTERMINATION! SCARECROW—HAND ME A STICK OF TNT!

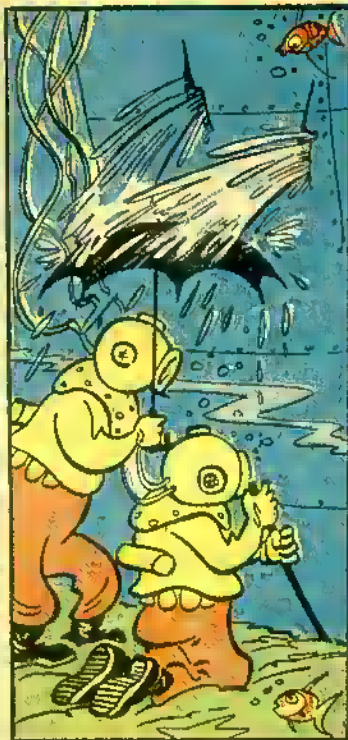
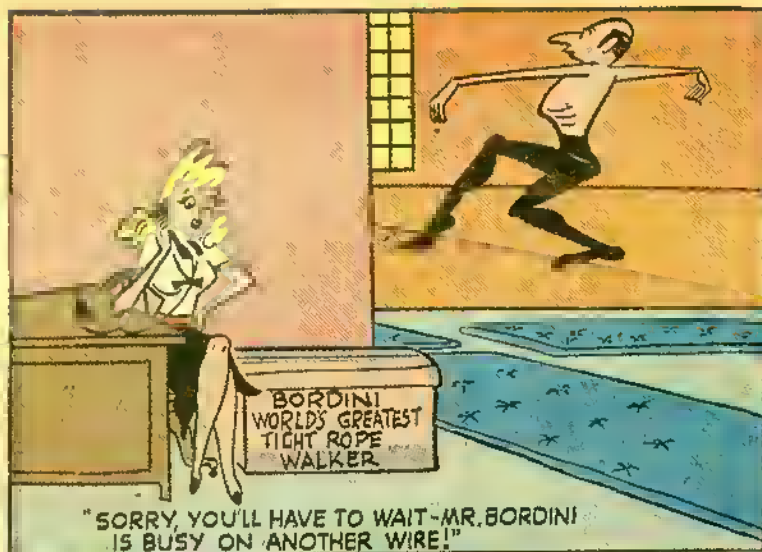


HELP! NO! IT'S MURDER—YOU CAN'T BLOW US UP!!

YOU'D HAVE STONED CURLY TO DEATH, BUT WHEN YOUR HIDES ARE AT STAKE, THAT'S DIFFERENT! OKAY, WISE GUYS—STAND BACK! THEY'VE SQUIRMED ENOUGH! I'M GONNA GIVE IT TO 'EM!

PLEASE! NO! NO!





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and the LITTLE WISE GUYS

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Charles Dins

THAT PROVES WHETHER I'M BLUFFING OR NOT! IF ANYONE HERE TRIES TO STOP ME, HE'LL GET A DOSE OF LEAD POISONING, TOO!

STAND BACK, BOYS! DON'T TRY TO RUSH HIM—HE MEANS IT!



WHO IS THIS GUY, JOHN HUNT, DAREDEVIL? WHAT DOES HE WANT TO SEE YOU FOR?

MAYBE HE WANTS YOU TO SOLVE A MURDER OR SOMETHIN'!

ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE'S AN INVESTMENT BROKER! HE PHONED LAST NIGHT AND SAID IT WAS URGENT THAT I SEE HIM! SAID HE GOT MY NAME FROM A FRIEND OF HIS AT THE DIRECTORS' CLUB!

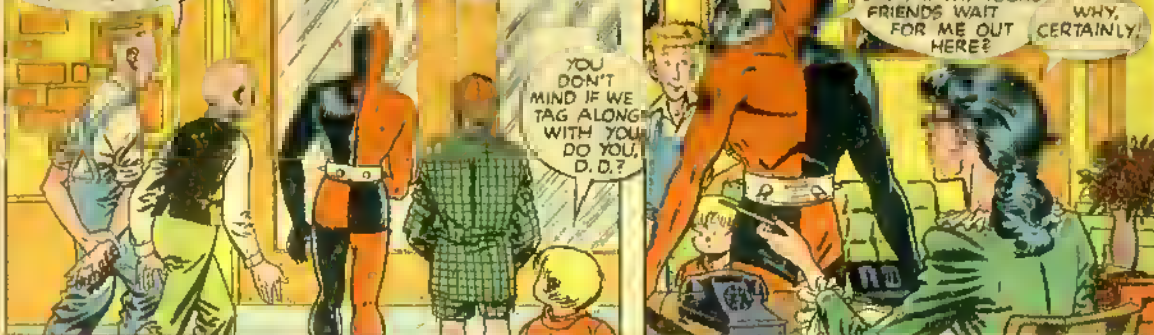
YOU DON'T MIND IF WE TAG ALONG WITH YOU, DO YOU, D.D.?

MY NAME IS DAREDEVIL! I'M HERE TO SEE MR. HUNT!

OH, YES, MR. DAREDEVIL! MR. HUNT PHONED TO SAY HE WAS EXPECTING YOU! HE SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE! YOU MAY WAIT IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE!

IS IT OKAY IF MY YOUNG FRIENDS WAIT FOR ME OUT HERE?

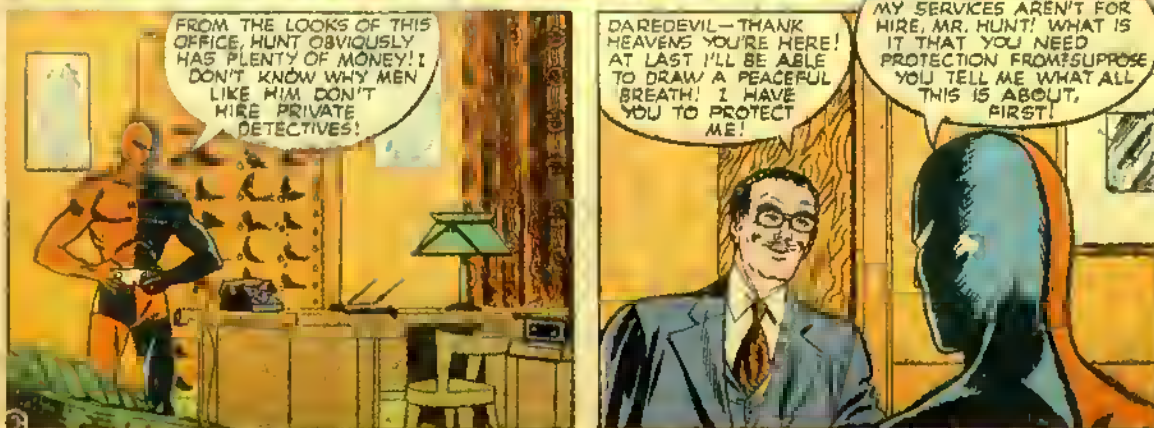
WHY, CERTAINLY!



FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS OFFICE, HUNT OBVIOUSLY HAS PLENTY OF MONEY! I DON'T KNOW WHY MEN LIKE HIM DON'T HIRE PRIVATE DETECTIVES!

DAREDEVIL—THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE! AT LAST I'LL BE ABLE TO DRAW A PEACEFUL BREATH! I HAVE YOU TO PROTECT ME!

MY SERVICES AREN'T FOR HIRE, MR. HUNT! WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NEED PROTECTION FROM? SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHAT ALL THIS IS ABOUT, FIRST!



FIRST, TELL ME, ARE YOU ARMED? THE MAN THAT'S AFTER ME IS INSANE! HE HAS A PERSECUTION COMPLEX! HE'LL SHOOT ME ON SIGHT! I NEED PROTECTION! YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME, AREN'T YOU?



YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED THE POLICE, BECAUSE I NEVER CARRY A GUN, MR. HUNT! SO FAR, I'VE MANAGED VERY WELL WITHOUT ONE! NOW, HOW'S ABOUT STARTING FROM THE BEGINNING!

WHAT'S THE CAUSE OF HIS GRIEVANCE? I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT BEFORE I COMMIT MYSELF!



IF IT'S A QUESTION OF THE FEE, MONEY IN NO OBJECT! HIS CLAIMS AGAINST ME ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION—BUT YOU MUST CARRY A GUN! THE MAN IS A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL!

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE GOT THE FANTASTIC NOTION, BUT HE THINKS THAT I... WHAT'S ALL THE C..COMMOTION OUTSIDE?

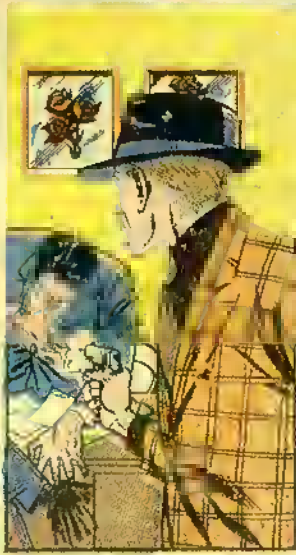


I SAID I HAVE BUSINESS THAT CAN'T WAIT! GET OUT OF MY WAY, LADY, OR YOU'LL GET HURT!

THERE HE IS—THAT'S HIM! DO SOMETHING, DAREDEVIL—QUICK!!



NO ONE CAN SAVE YOU NOW, YOU SNAKE!



DON'T TRY TO REACH FOR YOUR BOOMERANG, DAREDEVIL—NOT UNLESS YOU WANT THE REST OF THE BULLETS!



HE JUST SHOT SOMEONE IN THERE! LET'S SNEAK UP ON HIM FROM BEHIND!



DON'T DO IT, WISE GUYS! DON'T TRY TO STOP HIM!



THAT'S GOOD ADVICE—SO STAND BACK, OR I'LL KILL ALL OF YOU IF I HAVE TO!

BUT HE'S A KILLER, DAREDEVIL! WHY ARE YOU LETTIN' HIM GET AWAY?



HE WINS THIS ROUND! WE DON'T WANT TO BE DEAD HEROES, DO WE?

HELLO, CHIEF STARTER?
A MAN JUST SHOT MR.
HUNT—HE'S WEARING A
PLAID COAT AND BLACK
FEDORA! HE'S IN THE
ELEVATOR NOW, COMING
FROM THE 34TH FLOOR!
LOCK THE DOORS—DON'T
LET ANYONE OUT OF THE
BUILDING—BUT WATCH
OUT—HE'S ARMED
AND DESPERATE.



LOCK THE LOBBY DOORS—
RUDY—MARCUS—GET
YOUR ARTILLERY OUT—YOU'VE
GOT A TOUGH ONE TO
HANDLE! HE'S COMING DOWN
FROM THE 34TH FLOOR,
WEARING A PLAID COAT!



JUST KEEP EVERY-
ONE OUT OF THE
LOBBY, SO WE CAN
TAKE A CLEAR SHOT
AT HIM IF WE
HAVE TO!

WE MUST BE ON
NUMBER EIGHT! IF
THIS HAPPENED AT
NOON-TIME, WE
WOULDN'T STAND A
CHANCE OF SPOTTING
HIM WITH ALL
THE PEOPLE
AROUND!

THE
CAR'S
ALMOST HERE!
GET READY!



THAT'S OUR MAN! IF HE
SMELLS A RAT, THERE'LL BE
FIREWORKS! LET'S TRY TO
NAIL HIM BEFORE HE
TRIES THE DOOR!

ALL RIGHT—
LET'S CLOSE
IN!



I'M LOCKED
IN! OPEN
THESE
DOORS,
OR I'LL..

YOU'RE
TRAPPED!
DROP THAT
GUN AND
UP WITH
'EM!



CALL AN
AMBULANCE—
HE'S STILL
ALIVE!

AND YOU'D BETTER MAKE
IT FAST—HE WON'T LIVE
LONG WITH THREE
BULLETS IN HIS
CHEST!



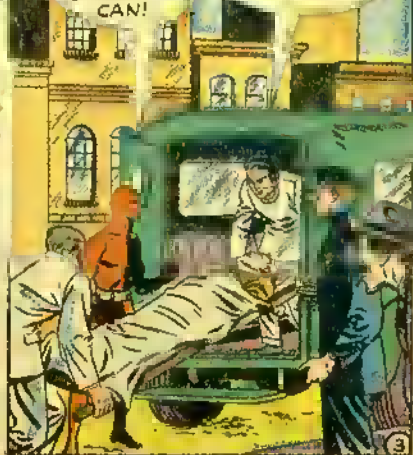
I HOPE NO
ONE ELSE GOT
HURT—LOOK
AT HIS HAIR—
IT LOOKS LIKE
A PRISON
CUT!

AN EX-CON, EH?
I NEVER SAW
HIM BEFORE! HE
LOOKS LIKE A
MEAN ONE
TO ME!



MAY I RIDE TO
THE
HOSPITAL WITH
HIM? I'D LIKE
TO GET HIS
STORY IF I
CAN!

SURE—IF HE
LIVES THAT LONG,
AND IF HE EVER
REGAINS
CONSCIOUSNESS!
HOP ON!





HIS NAME IS JOE WELSH! LET'S SEE WHAT HE'S GOT ON HIM—A PAROLE CARD—HERE'S A PICTURE OF A WOMAN AND CHILD! MAYBE IT'S HIS FAMILY!



WHAT ARE HIS CHANCES, DOCTOR? WILL HE REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS? IF HE DIES WITHOUT TALKING, WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHY HE SHOT HUNT!

HE'S IN PRETTY ROUGH SHAPE, YOU KNOW! IF HE LIVES LONG ENOUGH, I THINK I CAN BRING HIM TO—WITH THIS NEW DRUG! IT'S A VERY POWERFUL STIMULANT, BUT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST AN HOUR!



GOOD—I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO CHECK ON HIS POLICE RECORD, IF HE HAS ANY! IF HE COMES TO, ASK HIM WHY HE DID IT! I'LL SEE YOU IN AN HOUR!

SEE YOU THEN—KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!



HE BECAME CONSCIOUS SHORTLY AFTER YOU LEFT, DAREDEVIL! THE POLICE WERE HERE WITH EVERYTHING IN THE BOOK, BUT ALL HE SAYS IS THAT HUNT HAD IT COMING TO HIM! HE SAYS HE'S GLAD HE DID IT!



HELLO, THERE, JOE! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE COMING AROUND! NOW, HOW'S ABOUT TELLIN' ME THE WHOLE STORY? I FOUND YOUR POLICE RECORD, SO DON'T HOLD OUT ON ME! I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR PAST, BUT NOW I WANT TO BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE!

OH, IT'S YOU AGAIN! WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE MASQUERADE AND LEAVE ME ALONE! WHY I KILLED HUNT IS MY BUSINESS!



I'M NOT SO SURE, WISE GUY! WHAT ABOUT THE WOMAN IN THIS PICTURE? SHE'S YOUR WIFE, ISN'T SHE? IF YOU CAN PROVE YOU HAD EVEN AN OUNCE OF REASON FOR COLD-BLOODEDLY MURDERING JOHN HUNT, IT MIGHT HELP HER TO BEAR THE DISGRACE YOU'VE BROUGHT ON HER AND YOUR KID!

NOTHING CAN HURT MY WIFE—NOTHING!



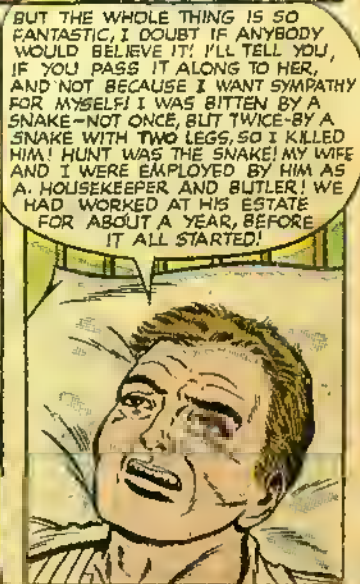
SHE'S BEYOND SUFFERING—SHE IS DEAD!

THAT'S TOUGH, JOE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS LITTLE GIRL? SHE'S YOUR DAUGHTER, ISN'T SHE—LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU! YOU OWE HER SOMETHING, DON'T YOU?



I KNOW IT'S HARD TO TAKE, BUT LET'S FACE IT! SHE'LL HAVE TO BEAR THE STIGMA OF BEING THE DAUGHTER OF A MURDERER! IF THERE IS ANY EXPLANATION FOR WHAT YOU DID, YOU'D BE COMMITTING ANOTHER CRIME BY NOT GIVING HER A BREAK!

POOR LITTLE NANCY—OH, THAT POOR KID! YOU'RE RIGHT—I'VE GOT TO LET HER KNOW HER DAD WASN'T REALLY BAD! SHE MUST KNOW THE TRUTH!



BUT THE WHOLE THING IS SO FANTASTIC, I DOUBT IF ANYBODY WOULD BELIEVE IT! I'LL TELL YOU, IF YOU PASS IT ALONG TO HER, AND NOT BECAUSE I WANT SYMPATHY FOR MYSELF! I WAS BITTEN BY A SNAKE—NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE—BY A SNAKE WITH TWO LEGS, SO I KILLED HIM! HUNT WAS THE SNAKE! MY WIFE AND I WERE EMPLOYED BY HIM AS A HOUSEKEEPER AND BUTLER! WE HAD WORKED AT HIS ESTATE FOR ABOUT A YEAR, BEFORE IT ALL STARTED!

IT'S ABOUT MY WIFE, STELLA, MR. HUNT! I HATE TO BOTHER YOU, BUT WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU: WILL YOU GIVE US A \$500 ADVANCE ON OUR SALARY?

A \$500 ADVANCE! WELSH, ARE YOU CRAZY? WHAT FOR? NEVER MIND, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT FOR! THE ANSWER IS NO!



STELLA NEEDS AN OPERATION, MR. HUNT! SHE HAS TO HAVE IT RIGHT AWAY! THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT IS A SPECIALIST, BUT HE'S EXPENSIVE! HER LIFE IS AT STAKE—DON'T YOU SEE, I MUST HAVE THE MONEY! WHAT DIFFERENCE COULD IT MAKE TO YOU? JUST TAKE IT OUT EACH MONTH!

ORRY, WELSH, IT'S AGAINST MY PRINCIPLES TO LEND MONEY! YOU SHOULD HAVE THAT MUCH SAVED BY THIS TIME!



YOU KNOW THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE ON TWENTY DOLLARS A WEEK! ALL RIGHT, THEN, WILL YOU SIGN AS MY CO-MAKER, IF I GO TO A BANK?

DON'T BE STUPID! OF COURSE NOT—OH, BY THE WAY, I'M GIVING A SMALL PARTY TONIGHT! HUSTLE UP SOME HORS D'OEUVRES AND CHECK THE LIQUOR!



HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT—WHAT DID HE SAY, JOE?

I'LL TELL YOU IN A MINUTE! NANCY, MONEY, PLEASE GO DADDY A FAVOR AND GO INTO THE OTHER ROOM TO PLAY LIKE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL JUST FOR A WHILE!

I WILL, DADDY!



IT'S ALL SET, MONEY, BUN! YOU CAN PLAN ON GOING TO THE HOSPITAL NEXT WEEK! I DIDN'T THINK THE OLD SKINFUNT COULD BE TOUCHED FOR A CUP OF COFFEE—HE SURE SURPRISED ME!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IN FACT, I WON'T—NOT UNTIL I SEE IT! WHATEVER CAME OVER HIM? YOU MUST HAVE CAUGHT HIM IN A RARE MOOD!



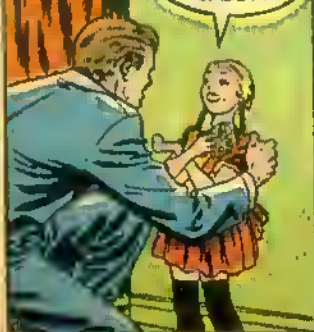
THAT REMINDS ME! HE'S HAVING A PARTY TONIGHT, SO I'LL HAVE TO WORK LATE! YOU HIT THE HAY EARLY LIKE A GOOD GIRL!

I'LL MAKE THE HORS D'OEUVRES! I LOVE YOU SO! OH, JOE, YOU'RE THE BEST HUSBAND IN THE WORLD! YOU'VE BEEN DOING SO MUCH OF MY WORK FOR ME SINCE I'VE BEEN SICK—I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU!



KISS DADDY GOODNIGHT, SWEETPEA! YOU SURE LOVE PLAYING WITH THAT OLD RAG DOLL, DON'T YOU? WOULDN'T YOU LIKE A PRETTY, NEW ONE?

OH, NO, DADDY, MILLICENT IS A WONDERFUL DOLL! I LOVE MILLICENT—GOODNIGHT, DADDY!



WELSH, ICE UP SOME MORE CHAMPAGNE—AND HURRY!

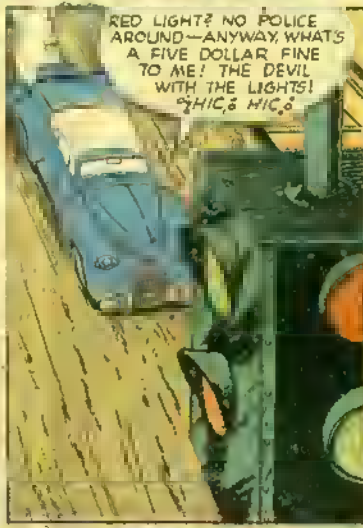
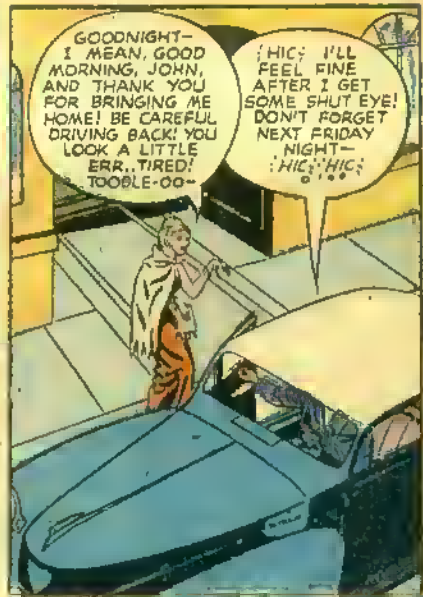
YES, MR. HUNT!



JOHNNY, BOY, YOU'RE A SIMPLY MARVELOUS HOST! I LOVE YOUR PARTIES! TIME JUST FLIES WHEN I'M HERE!

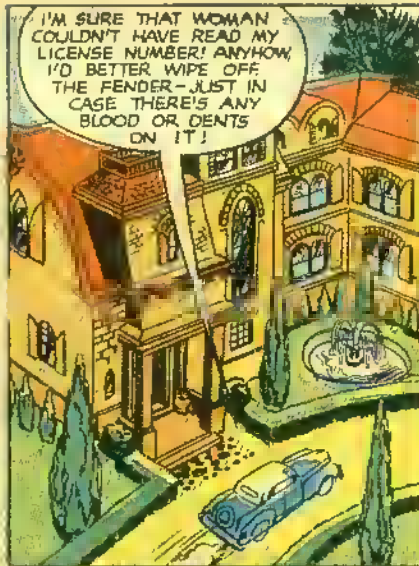
SHAY, I'D THROW ONE EVERY NIGHT IF I WAS SURE YOU'D COME!







OH, NO, NO, NO, NO!
OH, MY BABY! MY
BABY! YOU
MURDERER!
D-1077, D-1077,
D-1077...



I'M SURE THAT WOMAN
COULDN'T HAVE READ MY
LICENSE NUMBER! ANYHOW,
I'D BETTER WIFE OFF
THE FENDER—JUST IN
CASE THERE'S ANY
BLOOD OR DENTS
ON IT!



THERE NOW—THERE'S NO
SIGN OF ANY ACCIDENT!
I'M IN THE CLEAR!
'WHEW'—THAT WAS A
NARROW ESCAPE!



ANYTHING FURTHER
I CAN DO, MR. HUNT?
YOU LOOK DONE IN!
WOULD YOU CARE
FOR SOME
COFFEE?

COFFEE?
NO, NO, AND
NOTHING IS
WRONG—I'M
PERFECTLY ALL
RIGHT!



WELSH, IF THAT
CALL IS FOR ME
I'M NOT AWAKE
YET, UNDER-
STAND?

Y, YESSIR!



I'M SORRY—HE'S NOT
UP YET! WHAT? OH, YES,
HE HAS A BLUE CON-
VERTIBLE! YES, D-1077—
JUST A MOMENT—WHO
ARE YOU, SIR—HELLO.
HELLO—HE HUNG
UP!



WHO
WAS IT?
WHAT DID
THEY
WANT?

HE DIDN'T SAY,
SIR—JUST ASKED
IF YOU OWNED A
BLUE CONVERTIBLE
AND MENTIONED
YOUR LICENSE
NUMBER!



OH, YOU
STUPID FOOL!
YOU CRAZY
IDiot! WHY
DID YOU TELL
THEM—WHY?

BUT SIR, IT'S TRUE—
AND YOU KNOW
THEY COULD CHECK
AT THE MOTOR
BUREAU! I DON'T
UNDERSTAND—IS
ANYTHING
WRONG?



OH, NO, NO—
NOTHING
SERIOUS!

BLAST THAT WOMAN—
SHE MUST HAVE SEEN
MY LICENSE AFTER ALL!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF
THIS SOMEHOW! HIT-
AND-RUN DRIVING
IS A SERIOUS
CRIME!

OH, JOE, COME
OVER AND SIT DOWN—
THERE'S SOMETHING
I WANT TO DISCUSS
WITH YOU!

YES,
SIR!

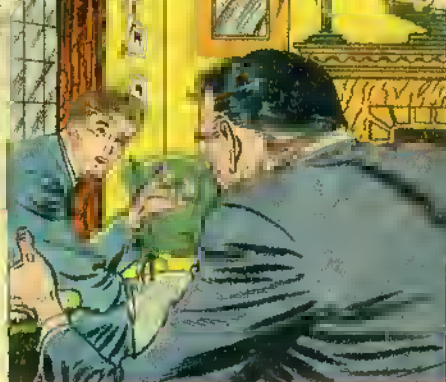
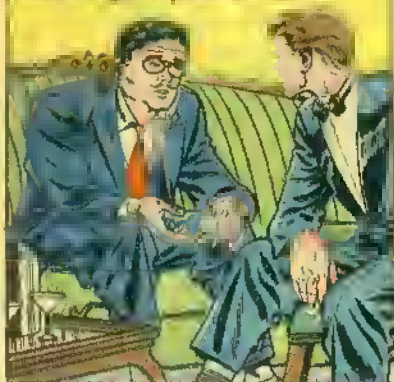
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT ADVANCE YOU WANTED FOR YOUR WIFE'S OPERATION! WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I GAVE YOU THAT FIVE HUNDRED OUTRIGHT AS A GIFT?

A GIFT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY ONLY YESTERDAY YOU WOULDN'T EVEN LEND IT!

I KNOW... I KNOW... BUT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED! YOU CAN DO ME A SMALL FAVOR, AND IN EXCHANGE, I CAN ARRANGE IT SO THAT YOUR WIFE CAN HAVE HER OPERATION AT MY PRIVATE HOSPITAL AT MY EXPENSE, AND YOU CAN HAVE THE MONEY LEFT OVER TO OPEN A BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN... AND ALSO YOUR CHILD CAN HAVE A GOOD EDUCATION! THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE!

I DON'T GET IT! WHAT'S THE CATCH? WHAT KIND OF A FAVOR IS WORTH THAT MUCH TO YOU?

I'M IN A LITTLE JAM! DRIVING BACK THIS MORNING I HAD AN ACCIDENT—I HIT A PEDESTRIAN, BUT IT WASN'T MY FAULT!



I GOT SO RATTLED, I DROVE ON! IT WAS BEASTLY OF ME, I KNOW, BUT I LOST MY HEAD! IF I'M ARRESTED ON A HIT-AND-RUN CHARGE, I'LL BE RUINED!



...AND IF I'M SENT TO JAIL, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR JOB, AND THEN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR WIFE? IT'S ENTIRELY UP TO YOU, JOE!



NOW I GET IT—YOU DON'T WANT MUCH! YOU JUST WANT ME TO TAKE THE BLAME!

I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE! HERE'S FIVE HUNDRED CASH—ON TOP OF THAT, I'LL PAY YOU \$100 A WEEK FOR AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN JAIL! THAT'S FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS YOU CAN EARN AS A BUTLER—HOW ABOUT IT?



MAYBE YOU DON'T TRUST ME! ALL RIGHT, LOOK—TO PROVE MY GOOD FAITH, HERE'S A CHECK I'LL MAKE OUT NOW, AND POST DATE IT A YEAR FROM TODAY, FOR \$10,000! THINK OF IT, JOE, \$10,000—YOU CAN DO A LOT FOR YOUR FAMILY WITH THAT—AND WHAT'S A YEAR IN JAIL? BY THEN YOUR WIFE WILL BE ALL WELL AND YOU'LL HAVE A NEW LIFE!

GEE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!



DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT JUST FOR A LITTLE PRINCIPLE YOU'D SACRIFICE YOUR WIFE'S LIFE? IF YOU REFUSE YOU'RE SIGNING HER DEATH WARRANT! IT'S ONLY ONE YEAR OF YOUR LIFE FOR ALL OF HER'S!

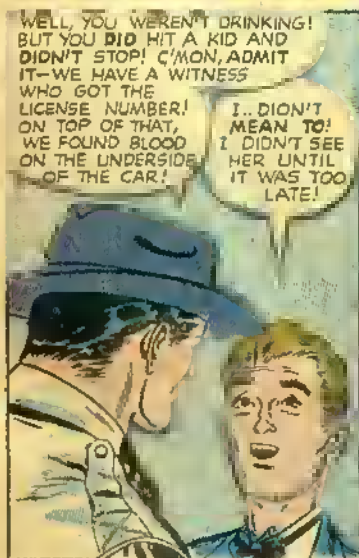
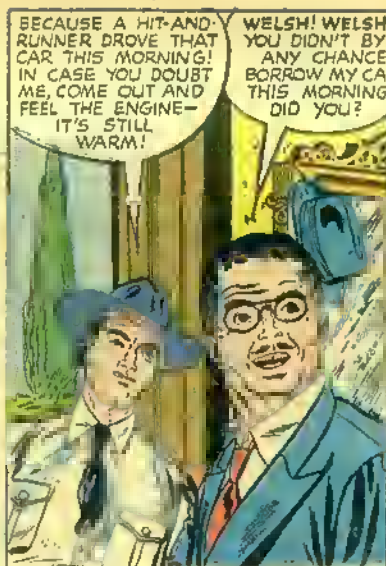
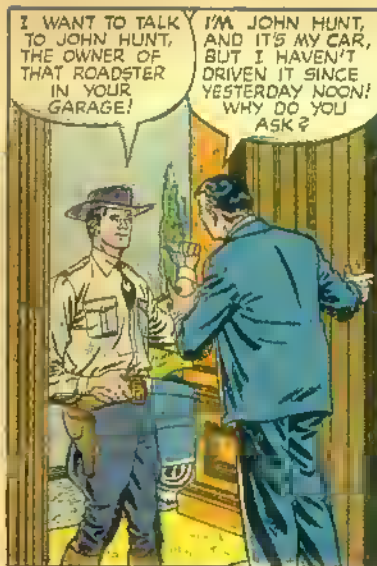


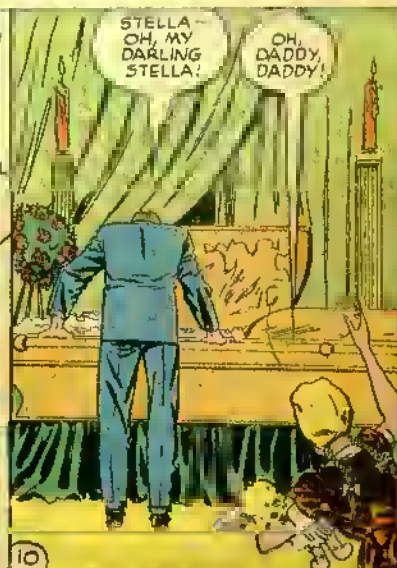
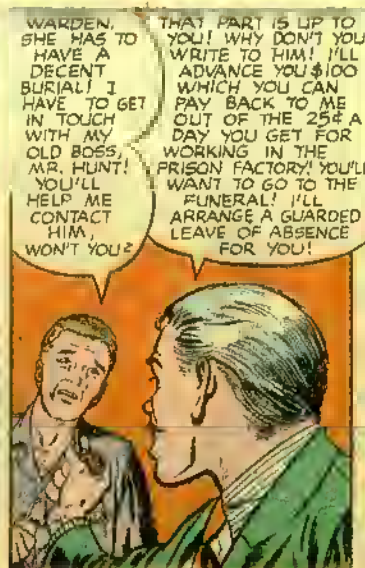
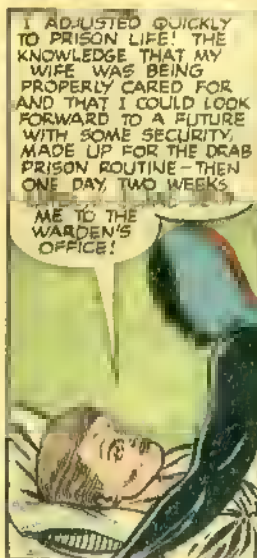
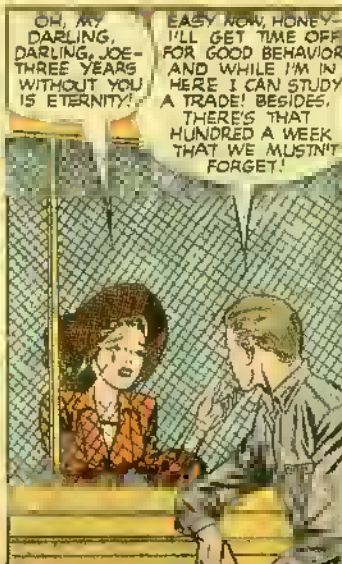
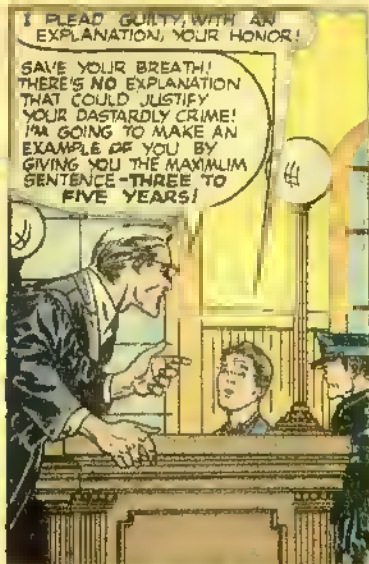
OKAY, MR. HUNT, YOU WIN—I'LL DO IT! LET'S HAVE THAT CHECK—AND REMEMBER, YOU'RE ALSO SENDING STELLA STRAIGHT TO YOUR HOSPITAL—RIGHT?

OF COURSE—NOW REMEMBER, NOT A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE! FROM NOW ON, YOUR STORY IS THAT YOU BORROWED MY CAR, WENT THROUGH A RED LIGHT, AND HAD AN ACCIDENT!

...AND RAN AWAY LIKE A RAT! I GET IT, MR. HUNT! I GUESS THE LAW IS AT THE DOOR NOW! OF COURSE YOU KNOW THAT I WILL HAVE TO TELL STELLA EVERYTHING!



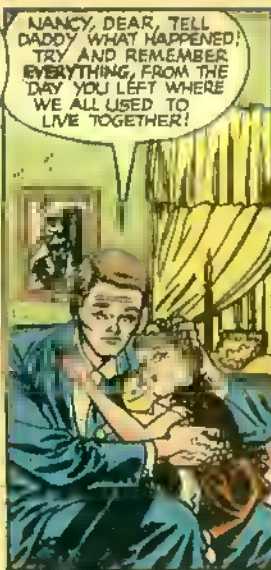






NANCY! NANCY, BABY—WHO'S TAKING CARE OF YOU WHILE DADDY IS WORKING FAR AWAY?

SHE'S BEEN PLACED IN THE CITY ORPHANAGE, WELSH! IF YOU'D LIKE TO TALK TO HER ALONE FOR A WHILE, I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH HER! YOU'RE ON YOUR HONOR!



NANCY, DEAR, TELL DADDY WHAT HAPPENED! TRY AND REMEMBER EVERYTHING, FROM THE DAY YOU LEFT WHERE WE ALL USED TO LIVE TOGETHER!



"MOMMY WAS ALL PACKED AN' READY TO GO WHEN MR. HUNT CAME INTO OUR ROOM!"

HELLO, MRS. WELSH—ALL PACKED AND READY, I SEE! WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH NANCY WHILE YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL?

THE DOCTOR SAID SHE COULD BOARD IN THE CHILDREN'S WARD! WILL YOU EXCUSE ME A MINUTE? I HAVE TO CALL A CAB!



"WHEN MOMMY LEFT THE ROOM, HE TOLD ME HE WANTED TO PLAY A GAME ON MOMMY, AND NOT TO TELL—HE SAID HE WAS PUTTING MONEY IN HER POCKETBOOK!"

THE MONEY—IT'S ALL HERE—BLAST IT—WHERE'S THE CHECK!

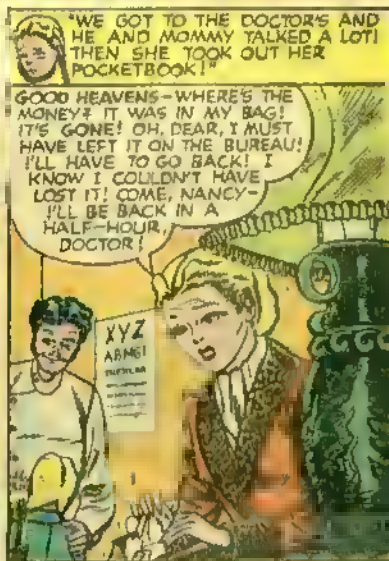
THIS IS A GAME—YOU ALUSHTN'T TELL YOUR MOMMY!



THE OLD NASTY MAN HELPED MOMMY AND ME INTO A TAXI—HE EVEN PAID THE DRIVER!"

WHY THAT! ISN'T NECESSARY, MR. HUNT—I HAVE THE MONEY!

THERE NOW, STELLA—IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO! GOOD LUCK AND GET WELL SOON!



"WE GOT TO THE DOCTOR'S AND HE AND MOMMY TALKED A LOT! THEN SHE TOOK OUT HER POCKETBOOK!"

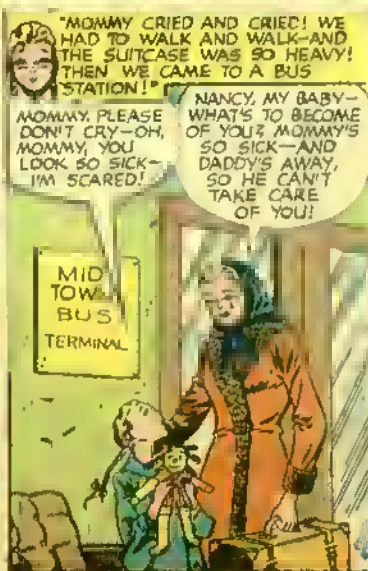
GOOD HEAVENS—WHERE'S THE MONEY? IT WAS IN MY BAG! IT'S GONE! OH, DEAR, I MUST HAVE LEFT IT ON THE BUREAU! I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK! I KNOW I COULDN'T HAVE LOST IT! COME, NANCY—I'LL BE BACK IN A HALF-HOUR, DOCTOR!



"WHEN WE WENT BACK, MR. HUNT YELLED OUT THE WINDOW AT US! HE WOULDN'T LET US IN!"

PLEASE, MR. HUNT—PLEASE LET ME IN! I FORGOT SOME THING!

IF YOU DON'T LEAVE AT ONCE, I SHALL CALL THE POLICE! I'LL TELL THEM TO ARREST YOU!



"MOMMY CRIED AND CRIED! WE HAD TO WALK AND WALK—AND THE SUITCASE WAS SO HEAVY! THEN WE CAME TO A BUS STATION!"

MOMMY, PLEASE DON'T CRY—OH, MOMMY, YOU LOOK SO SICK—I'M SCARED!

NANCY, MY BABY—WHAT'S TO BECOME OF YOU? MOMMY'S SO SICK—AND DADDY'S AWAY, SO HE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF YOU!

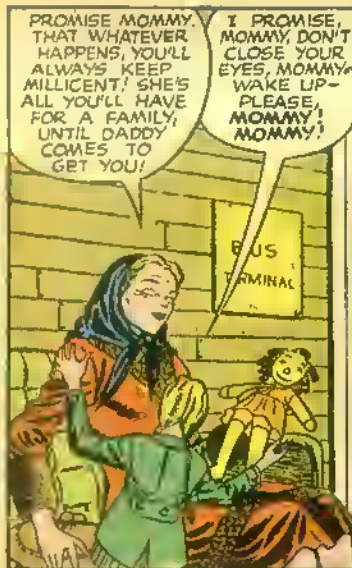


"WE WERE ALL ALONE ON THE BENCH—SHE LOOKED AWFUL SICK!"

MILLICENT AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER, MOMMY! PLEASE DON'T CRY, PLEASE!

MILLICENT—MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! LET MOMMY HAVE MILLICENT FOR A MINUTE, NANCY!

IF MILLICENT'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, MOMMY WANTS TO FIX THAT BIG HOLE IN HER SO SHE WON'T GET SICK, TOO!



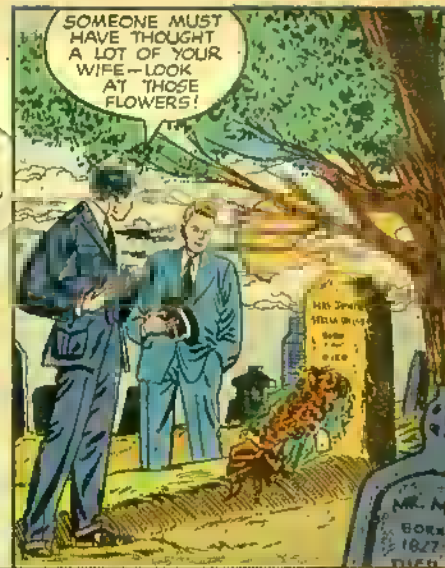
PROMISE MOMMY THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS, YOU'LL ALWAYS KEEP MILLICENT! SHE'S ALL YOU'LL HAVE FOR A FAMILY, UNTIL DADDY COMES TO GET YOU!

I PROMISE, MOMMY, DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES, MOMMY! WAKE UP—PLEASE, MOMMY! MOMMY!



THEN MOMMY WENT TO SLEEP—A LOT OF PEOPLE CAME OVER! THEY CARRIED MOMMY AWAY AND A BIG LADY CAME AND TOOK ME! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, DADDY—AND SEE? I STILL HAVE MILLICENT!

I SEE—YOU'RE A GOOD 'LITTLE GIRL, NANCY—A VERY GOOD LITTLE GIRL!

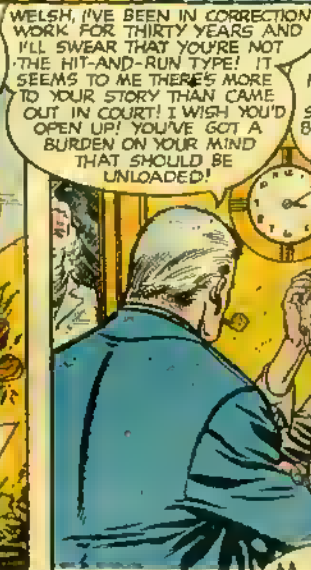


SOMEONE MUST HAVE THOUGHT A LOT OF YOUR WIFE—LOOK AT THOSE FLOWERS!



HEY, WELSH—HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? WHY ARE YOU KICKING THOSE FLOWERS?

BECAUSE THE MAN WHO SENT THEM, AS MUCH AS KILLED MY WIFE, THAT'S WHY!

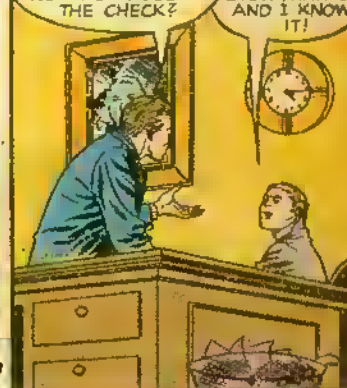


WELSH, I'VE BEEN IN CORRECTION WORK FOR THIRTY YEARS AND I'LL SWEAR THAT YOU'RE NOT THE HIT-AND-RUN TYPE! IT SEEMS TO ME THERE'S MORE TO YOUR STORY THAN CAME OUT IN COURT! I WISH YOU'D OPEN UP! YOU'VE GOT A BURDEN ON YOUR MIND THAT SHOULD BE UNLOADED!

YOU'RE RIGHT, WARDEN! I HAD REASON TO KEEP STILL BEFORE, BUT THAT TIME HAS PASSED!

IF ALL THAT IS TRUE, YOU WON'T SPEND ANOTHER MONTH IN THIS PRISON! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PRODUCE THAT CHECK! YOUR STATE OF MIND AT THAT CRUCIAL TIME SHOULD JUSTIFY YOUR BEHAVIOR! NOW HOW ABOUT THE CHECK?

CHANCES ARE THAT HUNT STOLE IT BACK ALONG WITH THE \$500 CASH! OH, WHAT'S THE USE—I'M STUCK, WARDEN, AND I KNOW IT!



KEEP YOUR CHIN UP AND WORK HARD IN HERE! I CAN'T GET YOU A NEW TRIAL, BUT I CAN PULL STRINGS TO GET YOU PAROLED THE MINUTE YOU'RE ELIGIBLE AND I'LL DO IT, BELIEVE YOU ME!

THANKS, WARDEN! I'LL BE GOOD—I'VE ONLY GOT ONE THING TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN I DO GET OUT—ONLY ONE THING!



THAT'S SWEET ART WORK, JOE—ONLY, COULDN'T YOU DRAW SOMETHING MORE CHEERFUL? WHO'S THAT GUY YOU'RE ALWAYS MURDERIN' WITH CHALK?

A HUNTIN' I WILL GO! I'LL CATCH A SKUNK! I'M GONNA MAKE HIM WHINE—A HUNTIN' I WILL GO!



HEY, GUARD. LOOK—THIS GUY WELSH IS NUTS! LOOK AT THE KIND OF DOODLES HE MAKES—ALL THE TIME—CHAMBER OF HORRORS STUFF! HE GIVES ME THE CHILLS!



OKAY, REMBRANDT! THE WARDEN WANTS TO SEE YOU!



JOE—YOUR PAROLE HAS COME THROUGH! YOU'LL BE OUT OF HERE BY AFTERNOON—ONLY ONE THING WORRIES ME! THESE PICTURES YOU'VE BEEN DRAWING—THESE ARE EFFIGIES OF HUNT, AREN'T THEY?



IT DOESN'T TAKE A PSYCHIATRIST TO KNOW YOU'VE GOT REVENGE ON YOUR MIND! YOU MUST FORGET THE PAST, JOE! REMEMBER—ONE MISTAKE AND YOU'LL BE BACK HERE TO SERVE YOUR FULL SENTENCE, AND THEN SOME! ALSO, REMEMBER—A HELPLESS LITTLE DAUGHTER!

YES, WARDEN!



FORGET THE PAST—FORGET HOW HE TRICKED ME! HOW HE KILLED MY WIFE—HOW CAN I FORGET?



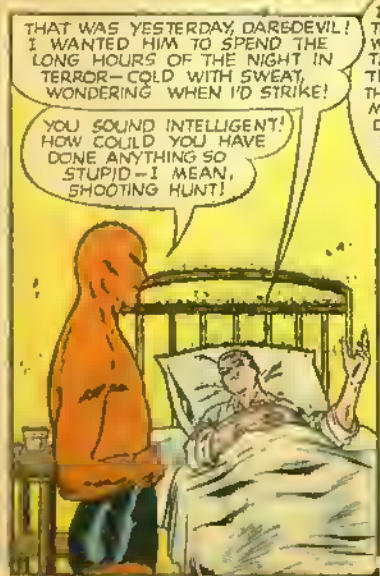
HELLO—YES, I'M HUNT—WHO'S CALLING?

MR. HUNT? DO YOU OWN A BLUE CONVERTIBLE—ONE WITH BLOOD-STAINS ON THE FRONT FENDER?



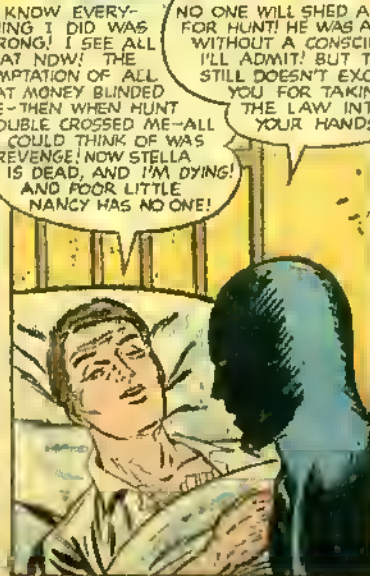
I, I, I, DON'T UNDERSTAND? WHO IS THIS?

YOU KNOW WHO IT IS, HUNT! WE'LL MEET VERY SOON! AND WHEN WE DO, YOU'LL DO ANYTHING—DYING MEN DO—GOODNIGHT! SLEEP WELL WITH YOUR GUILTY CONSCIENCE, YOU RAT OF RATS!

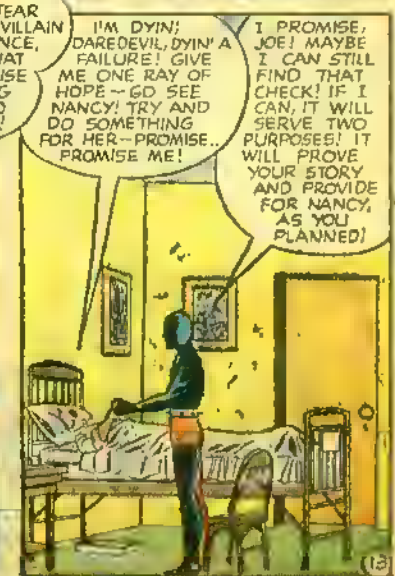


THAT WAS YESTERDAY, DAREDEVIL! I WANTED HIM TO SPEND THE LONG HOURS OF THE NIGHT IN TERROR—COLD WITH SWEAT, WONDERING WHEN I'D STRIKE!

YOU SOUND INTELLIGENT! HOW COULD YOU HAVE DONE ANYTHING SO STUPID—I MEAN, SHOOTING HUNT!

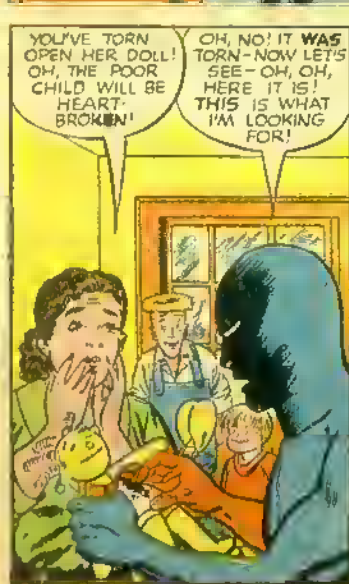
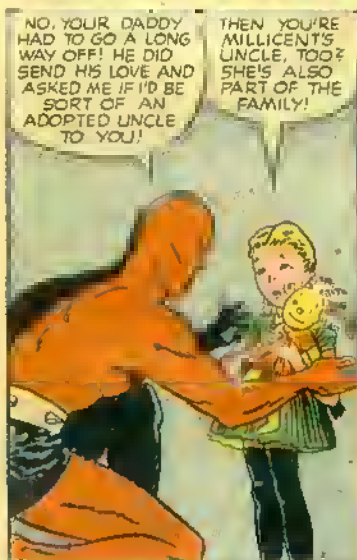
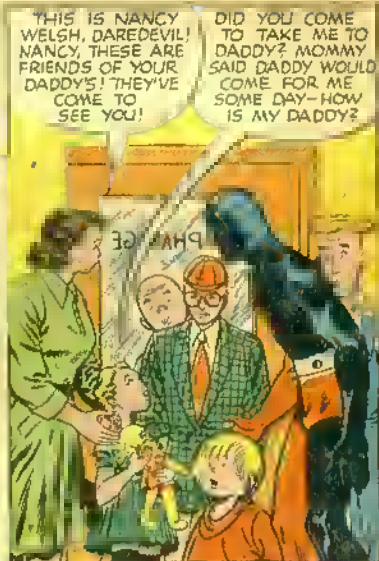


I KNOW EVERYTHING I DID WAS WRONG! I SEE ALL THAT NOW! THE TEMPTATION OF ALL THAT MONEY BLINDED ME—THEN WHEN HUNT DOUBLE-CROSSED ME—ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS REVENGE! NOW STELLA IS DEAD, AND I'M DYING! AND POOR LITTLE NANCY HAS NO ONE!



I'M DYING! DAREDEVIL, DYING! A FAILURE! GIVE ME ONE RAY OF HOPE—GO SEE NANCY! TRY AND DO SOMETHING FOR HER—PROMISE—PROMISE ME!

I PROMISE, JOE! MAYBE I CAN STILL FIND THAT CHECK! IF I CAN, IT WILL SERVE TWO PURPOSES! IT WILL PROVE YOUR STORY AND PROVIDE FOR NANCY, AS YOU PLANNED!



FOURTEEN CARAT HEELS

THE trouble is, we can't trace the jewels any further than this, Doctor Tringel," said Chief Inspector Crandall, glancing across the big desk in Police Headquarters to where *Crimebuster* sat with Squeeks. "He must pass the smuggled gems on to someone else, but we can't find that someone."

"Has the Doc any special patients you know about—steady ones?" *Crimebuster's* forehead was wrinkled by a slight frown of concentration.

"We're way ahead of you there," answered Crandall. "In fact, that's why I asked you to help. You see, we've found that Tringel's steadyest call is at Jackson's Dancing School, just across the street from his office. It seems natural, since Tringel's a chiropodist, but still we'd like to check on the place. Now, you're a young fellow, and it would appear to be quite on the square if you—well, that is, if . . ."

Crimebuster groaned. "If I should just happen to wander into that dancing school pretending to be a rumba addict or something and start taking lessons—is that what you mean?"

"Well, yes," answered Crandall with a grin. "That's it. Why, it might not be so bad! Lots of people take dancing lessons, and . . ."

"Alright, alright! Skip the sales talk—I'll do it," said *Crimebuster* good-naturedly. "But remember—this is *strictly* in the interests of law and order—and under slight protest!"

The heavy-set man at the desk grinned in an attempt at light humor. "Does the little fellow want lessons, too?"

It was the following afternoon, and *Crimebuster*, dressed in civilian clothes, stood in the outer office of the Jackson Dancing School. He turned to wink at Squeeks, perched high on his shoulder.

"No thanks, Mr. Jackson," he answered. "Squeeks gets around much too fast as it is!"

"I think I'll turn you over to Miss Arnaut," said Jackson, leading the way into a large, mir-

rored room and beckoning to a pretty, dark-haired girl just inside the door. "There are only three of us on the staff right now—Miss Arnaut, Mr. Kelly and myself. Small, but cozy."

He smiled toothily as the girl approached. "Miss Arnaut, this is Mr. Cruster, our new pupil," he said, indicating *Crimebuster*. "And now I'll leave you two to get on with your first lesson."

The girl gave *Crimebuster* a firm hand and a frank smile as Jackson hurried away. "My goodness, what a cute monkey! But I'm afraid you'll have to park him somewhere while we're dancing," she said.

Crimebuster gestured, and Squeeks obediently leaped to the back of the nearest chair and turned to watch this latest strange acquaintance of his young master's with unabashed curiosity.

"Now," said the girl, "just what sort of dancing interests you?"

Crimebuster, recalling his conversation with Crandall, spoke the first words that came into his head. "Why, I'd like to learn the rumba!"

"Fine," said Miss Arnaut, placing a record on a nearby phonograph. "That's my favorite dance, too." She placed herself beside *Crimebuster*. "Now, just watch me. The first step you'll have to learn goes forward—forward-side, together—"

Crimebuster had slid forward, sideward, wriggled and rocked for almost an hour, the length of his lesson, and was about to admit that he would learn nothing to help Crandall on that particular day, when Jackson stuck his toothy grin into the room again.

"Time for Doc Tringel, Miss Arnaut," he called. "Come along, now!"

"Oh, I'm sorry—aren't you feeling well?" *Crimebuster's* question sounded innocent.

"Nothing like that," answered the girl. "He's a foot doctor. Some silly notion of Mr. Jackson's about examining a dancer's feet every day."

Crimebuster lounged in the waiting room and watched as she disappeared through a doorway

down the hall. A moment before she reappeared, Jackson was joined in the hall by a man much more suited to the boxing ring than the dance floor, and the two men entered the room and closed the door the moment the girl came out.

She smiled at *Crimebuster*. "Well, your lesson is over for today. Can I expect you at the same time tomorrow?"

As he answered in the affirmative, *Crimebuster* gestured at Squeeks, who immediately proceeded to turn a flip. Miss Arnaut was captivated. And so, fifteen minutes later when Jackson and his assistant came out of the room and walked out of sight in the other direction, *Crimebuster* was still present. Catching sight of them, he bid a pleasant afternoon to Miss Arnaut, shouldered Squeeks, and strolled nonchalantly down the hall.

"Well, Squeeks—offense is the best defense, so I hear," he muttered. And with that he opened the door, glanced about to find that he had not been observed, and stepped into the room.

Crimebuster wasted no time. Even as he quickly took in the tall, cadaverous looking man packing a small black bag on the desk across the room, he began to speak.

"Hiya, Doc! Jackson sent me in. I'm helping out for a few days." He winked broadly at the man across the room. "Got a little something hot for some cold feet?"

Tringel looked annoyed. "That Jackson never tells me anything—thinks he's such a big shot! I've got everything packed away now, and—oh, well! Sit down and stick your hoofs up here on the desk!"

Crimebuster did as he was told, meanwhile speculating on the unorthodox medical approach Tringel seemed to favor. But a greater surprise was to come. The doctor seized *Crimebuster's* right heel, and gave a sharp twist, meanwhile reaching into his bag with his left hand and bringing out a small leather bag.

"I happen to have plenty of ice here, so—hey! It doesn't come off!" Tringel was dumfounded for a moment, but it was enough for *Crimebuster*.

A grin split his face. "No, it doesn't," he said, leaping to his feet and grabbing the tiny bag from the desk, "but now I know what does come off here, Tringel! The old hollow heel racket, eh? You put the stones in the boys' heels, and they walk right off with them!"

But Tringel was pretty fast himself. He sprang to a position between *Crimebuster* and the door, ripping a gun from under his arm. "Jackson! Kelly! Come in here," he roared, as Squeeks chattered excitedly on the floor, recognizing the weapon.

Jackson and his pal must have been just outside, for they burst in almost immediately. *Crimebuster* found himself facing three angry crooks, one of them covering him with a gun, the other two also armed, in all probability. But he only grinned, juggling the bag of gems gently

in his hand.

"Well, Crandall will be glad to hear this is nothing more than the old heel gag," he said. "He was afraid you boys had rigged up something brand new!"

"So you're a police stooge," snarled Tringel, leveling the gun. "Well, you won't be telling anybody anything! I'm gonna make sure of that right now!"

"Cut it out, Tringel!" Jackson's voice was cold and sharp. "Want to give the whole set-up away? That girl's right outside—she'd be witness to a killing, even if she don't know anything else! We'll knock this punk off somewhere else!"

Jackson turned to the bulky, flat-nosed man beside him. "Take them stones away from the kid, Kelly!"

"Wit' pleasure," said Kelly. He grinned crookedly, advancing on *Crimebuster* with his arms spread, ape-fashion.

Crimebuster let the pug advance to within arm's length. Then suddenly there was the blur of a lightning fast fist, a sharp crack, a dull thud, and the gangling Kelly lay sprawled on the floor—out cold!

The doctor cursed, and tightened his grasp on the gun, but Jackson was unmoved. "Okay, kid, if that's the way you want it! Noise or no noise, the doc here is gonna shoot when I count three! One . . . two . . ."

Crimebuster grinned down at Squeeks, dangling the bag of jewels suggestively. Then he swung his arm in a low arc, and tossed the bag toward Jackson. "Catch," he shouted.

Both Jackson and Tringel instinctively reached for the flying object, but there was a sudden flash of motion from the floor, and Squeeks, playing an old familiar game with his master, headed for the cover of the desk, hugging to his breast a fortune in gems!

Tringel loosed a wild shot in the direction of the little monkey, and Jackson made a flying grab for him. For a moment, they were off guard, and that moment was their Waterloo.

Tringel never knew what hit him. It was *Crimebuster's* fist, as he flew past, heading for Jackson. Jackson saw it coming, braced himself and swung—into empty air over *Crimebuster's* head. At the same moment, a pile driver seemed to start going in Jackson's stomach, and then a split second later the gangleader had the distinct sensation of being kicked on the chin by a mule. He didn't know until some twenty minutes later that the mule, too, was only *Crimebuster's* fist.

Jackson awoke holding his aching head in time to hear the end of a telephone conversation.

"That's right, Crandall—hollow heels! Send the wagon up for them," *Crimebuster* was saying. "Well, no—I'll see you a little later. The girl wasn't involved, you see, but I suppose she'll be out of a job. And I thought—well, this rhumba isn't so bad after all! Maybe I can get her to give me one more lesson!" *the end*

SNIFFER

BY
FRED
HUBBELL

THE MAN IN THE STREET!

LOOIE DA LUG WAS JEST TELLIN' ME
DAT SNIFFER GOT SHOT UP DOWN
SOUTH ONCE AN' NEEDED A BLOOD
TRANSFOOSIAN! DA ONLY ONE
AROUND DAT HADDA RIGHT TYPE
A BLOOD WAS A OL' HOUND DOG
AN' DAT IS WHY SNIFFER KIN
SMELL SO GOOD!

AH, HE'S WHACKY!
IT WAS DUE WAY!



THE OFFICE OF A CERTAIN GOVERNMENT
BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENTLEMEN! THE RESULTS OF OUR
INVESTIGATION CAMPAIGN ARE NOW
COMPLETE! BRIEFLY, THEY APPEAR TO
INDICATE THAT SNIFFER'S OVERLY
DEVELOPED POWER OF SMELL IS DUE
TO NATURE'S LAW OF COMPENSATION!
ALL OF HIS OTHER SENSES ARE
NON-EXISTENT!

THE
MYSTERY OF
THE AGE!
THE GREAT ENIGMA!
THE BURNING QUESTION ON
EVERYBODY'S LIPS! IS -

WHO IS SNIFFER

??

SO MANY FALSE ACCOUNTS AND
RUMORS ARE CURRENTLY CIRCULATING
ABOUT OUR HERO'S PAST,
THAT WE FEEL IT'S OUR DUTY
TO TEAR AWAY THE CURTAIN
OF MYSTERY THAT OBSCURES

STRAIGHTEN OUT THE
WHOLE MESS, ONCE
AND FOR ALL!

LIVELY SUBJECT OF DEBATE
AMONG THE YOUNGER SET!

SNIFFER DID NOT HAVE HIS
SCHNOZZ GRAFTED ON FROM
A BLOODHOUND! IT WAS
A BULL DOG!

IT WAS A
BLOODHOUND,
YA SAP!



FOR THE FIRST
TIME WE NOW PRESENT THE
REAL INSIDE STORY OF

HOW SNIFFER GOT
HIS START!

THIS IS THE STRAIGHT GOODS!
DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY ANY OTHER!

MY DEAR, I HAVE JUST
HEARD THE MOST
DELICIOUS ACCOUNT
OF THE ORIGIN OF
ER - SNIFFER!

NOT REALLY!
I AM ALL EARS,
LADY SCHENLEY!



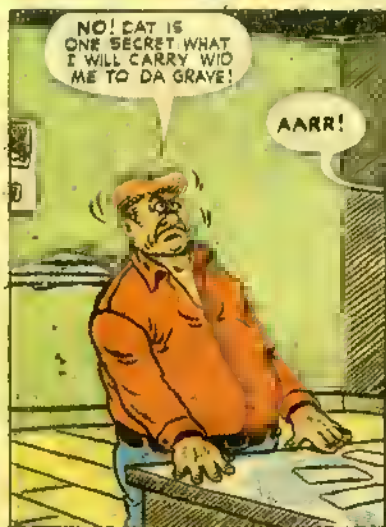
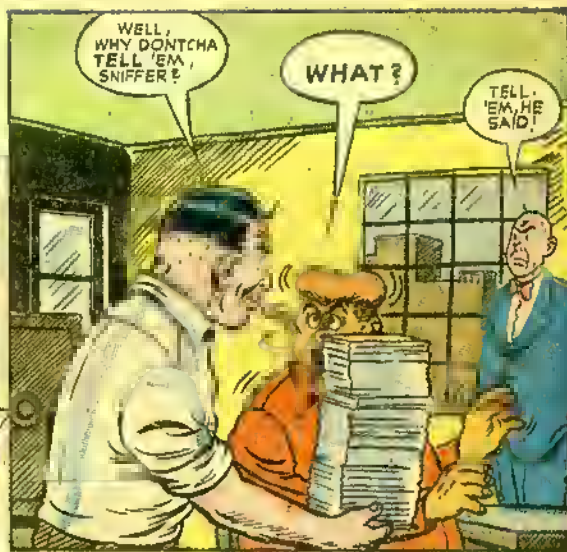
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I SAY PRIMLY, IT IS
RUMORED THAT SNIFFER OWES
HIS FANTASTIC TALENTS TO HIS
HAVING ONCE MISTAKEN A
BOTTLE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC
SENSITIZER FOR NOSE
DROPS!

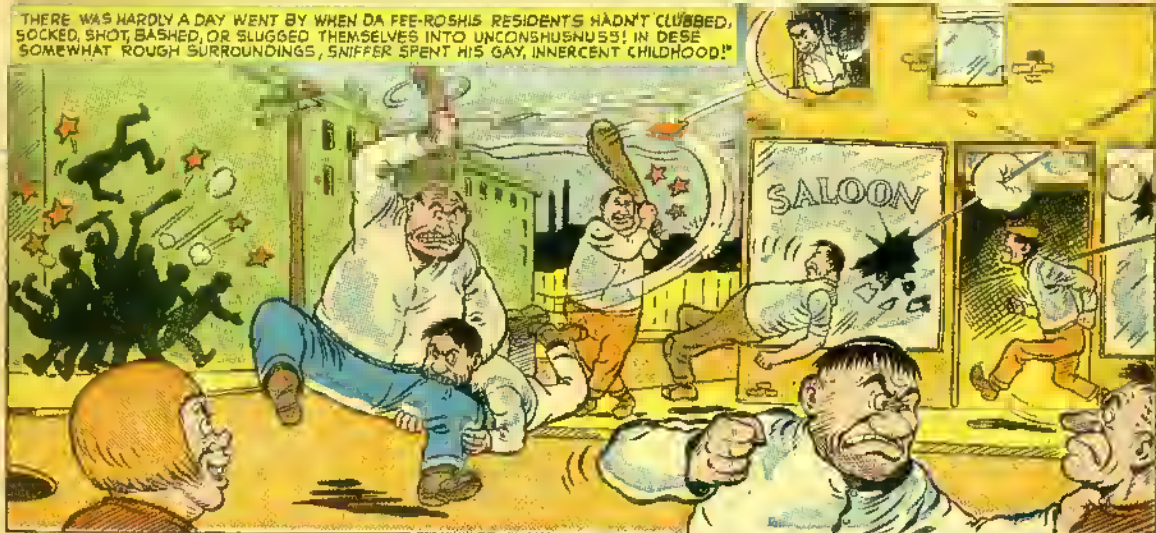
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DUBIOUS
EXPLANATION,
FOTHERBY!
HIGHLY
IMPLAUSIBLE!



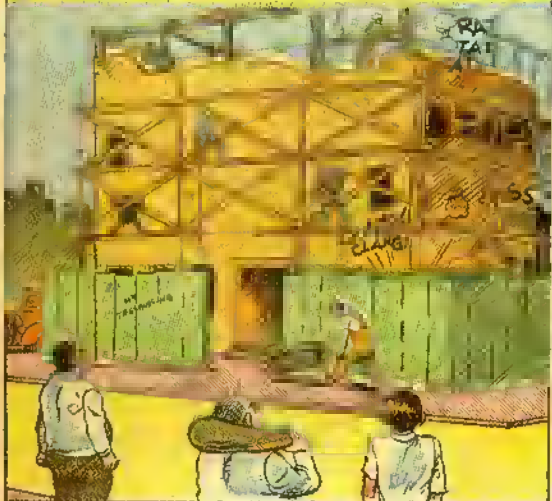
DAILY POST - HE
BETWEEN THE LINES
BY
WALTER PINCHWELL
FLASH! IT IS REPORTED
BY AN AUTHORITY
SOURCE THAT THE
WELL KNOWN 20TH
CENTURY ROBIN HOOD,
SNIFFER, ONCE ACCI-
DENTALLY ATTENDED
A KLAN MEETING! THE
SMELL SO AFFECTED
HIS NOSE THAT IT
WAS NEVER SINCE
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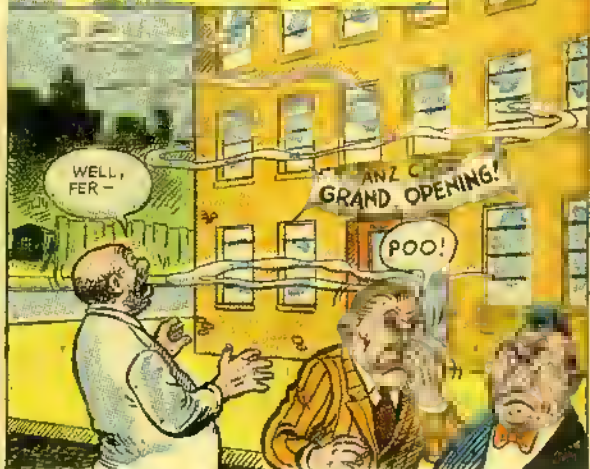
THERE WAS HARDLY A DAY WENT BY WHEN DA FEE-ROSHIS RESIDENTS HADN'T CLUBBED, SOCKED, SHOT, BASHED, OR SLUGGED THEMSELVES INTO UNCONSHUSNUSS! IN DESE SOMEWHAT ROUGH SURROUNDINGS, SNIFFER SPENT HIS GAY, INNERCENT CHILDHOOD!"



"ONE FATEFUL DAY, MUCH ACTIVITY WAS NOTISSED IN DA VISSINITY."



"SO IT TURNS OUT DEY BUILT A CHEESE FACTORY! IT SPESHALIZED IN LIMBURGER, AN' OTHER REAL DISGUSTIN' SMELLIN' CHEESES!"



OH, I GET IT! DA HORRIBLE FUMES, THROUGH CONSTANT CONTACT WID SNIFFER'S SCHNOZZ, DEVELOPED IT INTO DA SUPER SENSITIVE DELICATE OBJECT IT NOW IS!

NOT QUITE! IT WASN'T KUTHIN' AS SIMPLE AS OAT! WELL, AS I WAS SAYIN' DA JOINT SMELLED PERTY BAD, AN'...

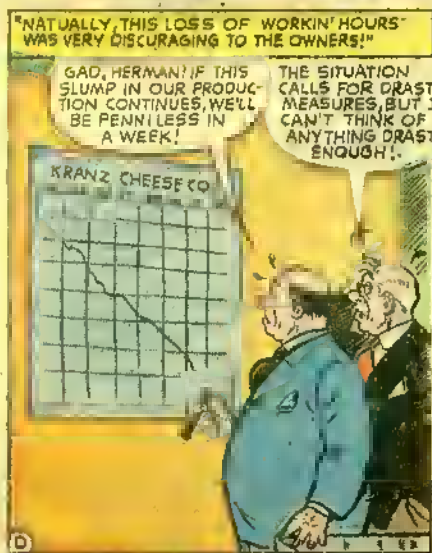
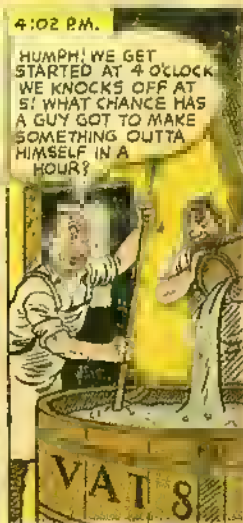


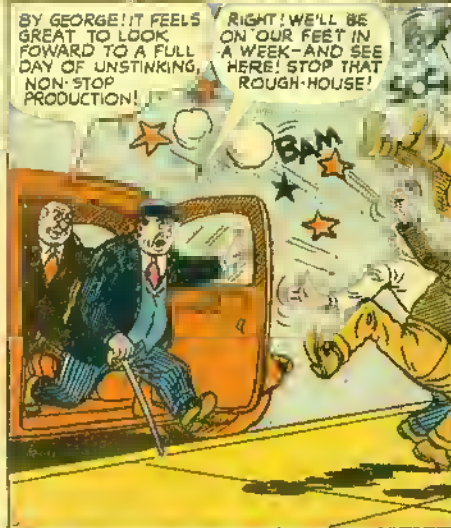
"...WHEN DA EMPLOYEES WOULD COME TA WORK IN DA MORNIN'..."



FAUGH! GET BACK!







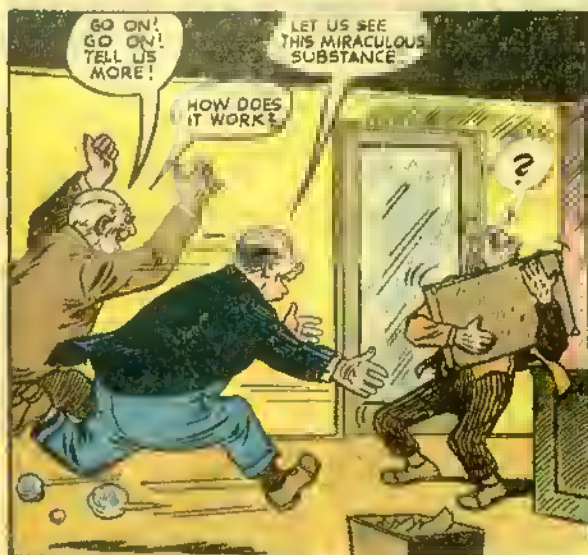
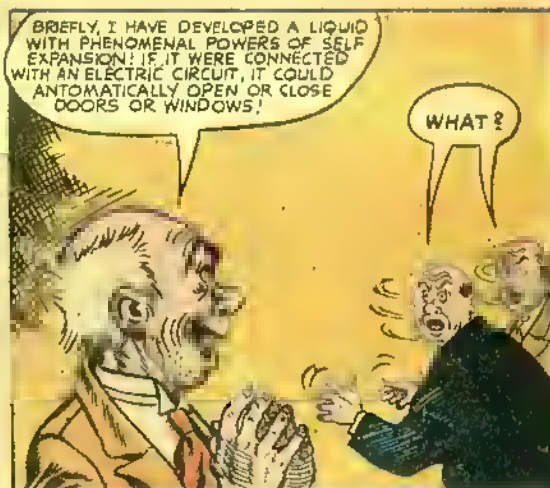
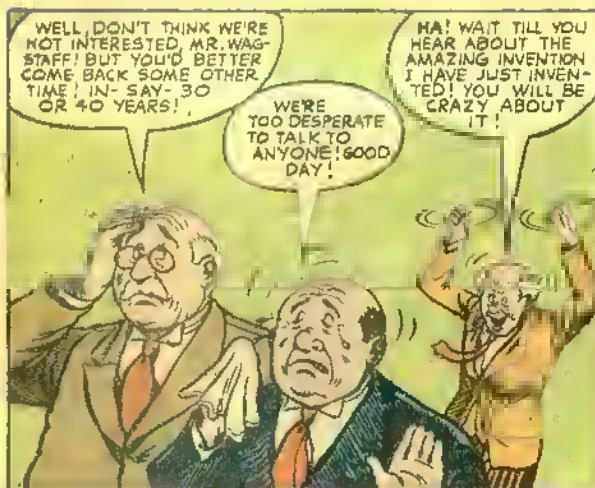
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MEANWHILE!

I'VE STOOD FOR THAT
@@@! STINKIN' CHEESE
FACTORY LONG
ENOUGH

NOW
ABOUT A
MASS MEETIN'
TONIGHT? THAT
WAY WE'LL
COME TO A
FAIR AND
SQUARE
DECISION!

SOMETHING
HAS GOTTA BE
DONE ABOUT
IT SEE?

EIGHT
O'CLOCK?
COUNT ME
IN!

...SO, THAT NIGHT, SNAKE EYES, A INFORMAL LITTLE MEETING
OF INFURIATED RESIDENTS WAS HELD AT THE LOCAL CLUB!

BONG
BONG

EAST SIDE
SOGHAL HALL

OKAY, SHUT UP!
ALL YOU MUGS!
I'M CALLING THIS
MEETING TO
ORDER, SEE?

WE HAS ALL COME TOGETHER HERE
IN PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE
BY FAIR AGREEMENT WHAT TO DO
ABOUT A MISERABLE DISGRACE OF
A CHEESE FACTORY THAT IS RUIN-
ING DIS NEIGHBORHOOD!
ANY SUGGESTIONS?

OKAY, THAT'S SETTLED!
WE BLOW IT UP! WHO'S
GONNA VOLUNTEER TO
DO THE JOB?

BLOW
IT
UP!

NAH,
BURN THE
DUMP DOWN,
IT'S QUIETER!

SO WHAT?
BLOW IT
UP!

ZZZZ

WELL, C'MON
SAY SOMETHIN',
SOMEBODY!

YEOW!

OKAY, FLATHEAD,
COME ON UP AN
GET THE DYNAMITE!
BY A ODD COINCIDENCE,
I BRUNG SOME WITH
ME TONIGHT!

?

NOW JUST A
MINUTE! THERE
HAS BEEN A
SLIGHT
MISTAKE!

YA AIN'T TRYIN
TA BACK OUT, ARE
YA, BUB? YA KNOW
WHAT HAPPENS TO
WELCHERS AROUND
HERE!

"WELL, THAT WAS ONE SPOT THE KID COULDN'T GAB HIS WAY OUT OF, SO THE NEXT THING HE KNEW, HE WAS SNEAKIN' THROUGH THE STREETS WITH A ARMFUL OF T.N.T.!"



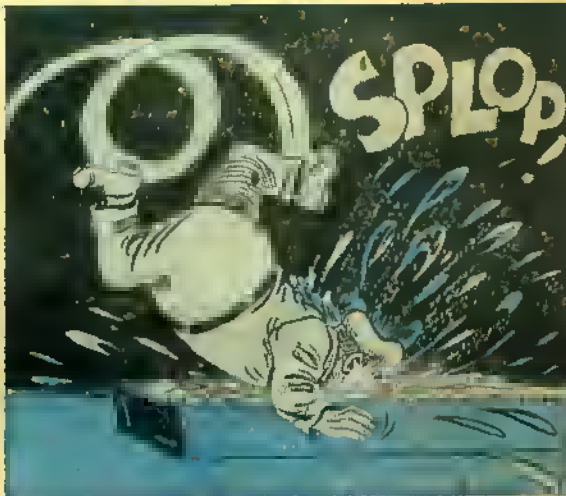
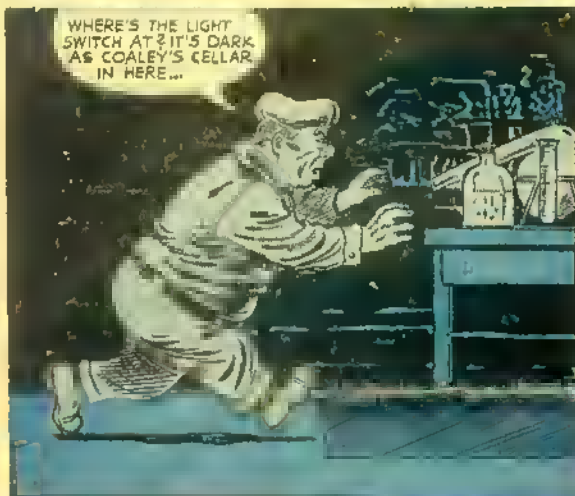
"ARRIVING AT THE KRANZ BROTHERS' CHEESE FACTORY HE JIMMIED THE BACK DOOR AND HOPPED INSIDE QUICK, JUST AS A COP HAD 'STROULED - AS'!"



"PEE - YEW! DA JOINT IS VERY SMELLY AT THAT! THIS IS ONE JOB I'M GONNA FINISH UP FAST!"



"WHERE'S THE LIGHT SWITCH AT? IT'S DARK AS COALEY'S CARK IN HERE..."



"...YEAH, YOU GUESSED IT, SNAKE EYES! STUMBLING AROUND IN THE DARK, THE KID HAD SUNK HIS BEAK INTO A WHO'E VATFUL OF PROFESSOR WAS-STAFF'S MIRACULUS MIXTURE!"



"LUCKILY, HE COME TO BEFORE HE'D QUITE STRANGLED TA DEATH, AN' SOMEWHAT UNNERVED, HE TORE OUTTA DA JERNT FAST!"



"...AFTER RUNNIN' ABOUT 28 BLOCKS, HE FINALLY PULLED HISSELF TOGETHER! SO HE'S WALKIN' ALONG, TRYIN' TO FIGGER OUT WHAT ACKCHULLY HAD HAPPENED, WHEN HEARS FOOTSTEPS - WIDOUT THINKIN' HE SAYS..."





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CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

I have just moved to North Buffalo where there are many boys my age. We are all very eager to organize a DAREDEVIL club and we would like some advice from you on how to go about doing it.

Yours sincerely, Dick Cole

105 Kettering Drive, Buffalo, New York

We have never organized a central DAREDEVIL club because of the large amount of personal attention it would involve to conduct it properly. I, for one, find very little time to spare for extra-curricular activity, with a deadline a week, illustrating four covers a month and writing the many stories that go into our books. Anyway, I feel that the success of a club depends mainly upon the enthusiasm of its members and their personal contact with each other. No mail-order organization could ever give you the true thrill of belonging, but like yourself, there are hundreds of groups of boys throughout the country who have formed their own DAREDEVIL, CRIMEBUSTER and CRIME DOES NOT PAY clubs and from the reports we get, they are doing nicely. For the info on the mechanical function of your club, I suggest that you use the United States Congress as a pattern.

Charles Biro

I have just added another DAREDEVIL COMIC to my "Daredevil library." I am very much in favor of having an "old timer's" issue. Everything in your wonderful comic is all right except Sniffer. He doesn't belong in such a good book.

A faithful reader, Helen Dyess

906 Symons St., Richland, Washington

Sniffer is the most controversial character we have. It seems the readers either passionately adore him or dislike him. Sniffer, it appears, obviously can't please everybody—anyway, who can?

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A fan, Mrs. Elizabeth Tomczak

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Sincerely, Jerry Clack

Box No. 187, Brookhaven, Georgia

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Yours truly, Pfc. Edward Jones, 16228446

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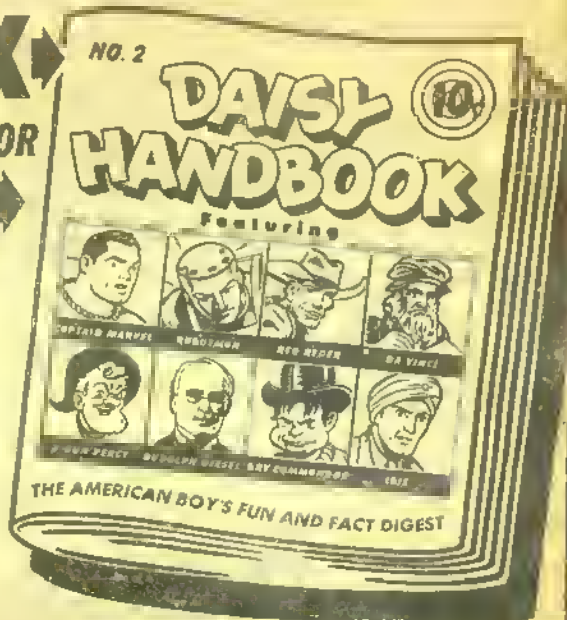
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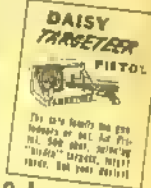
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